

COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Phase

A NEW phase has developed in the dark hide-and-seek confusion of blood, steel, bullets and fear of the Mau Mau war. The terrorists have been driven from the Aberdare and Kenia forests and are now trying to maintain themselves in the settled areas of Nairobi. In one sense it might be regarded as a great military success but taken in conjunction with the campaign as a whole the effect of this achievement is somewhat mitigated by the sober realization that the fighting has been merely transferred to a now and more terrible setting—the very homes of the town-dwelling Kikuyus. This is a savage and barbarous campaign, where fear is an even greater and more potent weapon than the ugly steel pang knives of the Mau Mau which have carved their cruel and ugly mark in the life of Kenya. This scourge has all but frayed the nerves of the people coming on top of the natural disasters of 1953—the locusts, flu, foot and mouth and wire worm, to mention just a few.

WITH this background in mind, we can more readily understand the growing agitation by the settlers for stronger action against the Mau Mau. But it is becoming more obvious every day as criticism continues of Sir Evelyn Baring's administration and General Erskine's command that the struggle has been seriously jeopardised by the failure to achieve effective political action supported by all sections of the community. Necessarily it has taken the Army many months to develop an effective form of attack against the terrorists. Important changes must be made speedily in the role of the Army and the Security Forces to meet new developments. Above all, there is a very clear need for national leadership to check the disintegration of the political forces, to strengthen the morale of the people and to mobilise all races behind the Government now that the Mau Mau have been driven out of their forest hide-outs. It is regrettable that Whitehall is inclined to put more faith in the findings of delegations of MPs from Westminster but it is even more regrettable that the reason lies in the complete inability of the local settlers to forge a common approach to the problem of their country.

DULLES REITERATES "NO RECOGNITION"

American Attitude To Red China

Washington, Feb. 22.

Fears that American foreign policy was moving towards recognition of Communist China were allayed today by the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, who assured Congressional leaders that the United States would not recognise the Peking government and that this non-recognition had been a pre-condition of America's taking part in the Geneva conference. A State Department communique issued after Mr Dulles had reported to Congressional leaders on the results of the Berlin conference stated that the Secretary of State had made it plain that there would be no American recognition of Communist China—either de facto or de jure.

Allaying the expressed fears of certain Congressional leaders that America's taking part in the Geneva conference implied recognition of Communist China, Mr Dulles addressed his audience for over an hour and a half.

Soviet Army Ready

London, Feb. 22.

The Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, declared today that "our armed forces are in a position to deliver a crushing blow upon any enemy."

"At present our armed forces are strong enough to cool down those hotheads who have lost their senses and who might try to encroach upon our independence," he said.

"The Soviet Government takes every measure to maintain normal relations with capitalist states in order to enable the peoples to continue their peaceful lives as long as possible," Bulganin said in a speech highlighting extraordinary celebrations marking the 36th anniversary of the Soviet Army and Navy.

"The might of the Soviet Army constitutes the guarantee that the peaceful work of our people will continue. Any future enemy knows that they will," United Press.

The official communique on the meeting revealed that the Secretary of State had told both Republican and Democrat Congressional leaders of the results achieved at Berlin after which a general discussion had been held.

Mr Dulles said the communique had made the following points:

1. As far as Europe was concerned, the Berlin conference had forced the Soviet Union to show its hand—a hand that still held fast to what it had now and a hand that sought to grasp some more.

2. As far as Asia was concerned, there would be no recognition of the Chinese Communist regime. The United States, the communique added, had obtained Soviet Russia's formal agreement to that condition so that efforts to unify Korea and promote peace in Indo-China could proceed without changing the basic American policy on China.

There were very few comments after the meeting.

Senator William Knowland gave a terse "No comment."

House Speaker Martin said that the meeting had been "very interesting and substantial."

Republican Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan said he was certain that the invitation to Communist China did not mean recognition of the Mao Tse-tung regime. — France-Press.

Terrorists Bombed

Nairobi, Feb. 22.

Royal Air Force planes bombed and machine-gunned the trapped remnants of "General Cargo's" terrorist gang today after Kenya's fiercest battle with the Mau Mau.

After yesterday's running fight in the Fort Hall area, possibly 80 survivors of the 200 Mau Mau engaged fled to Runthia Ridge, an E shaped jungle area jutting into the Kikuyu reserve.

Nearly 90 of the gang are known to have been killed, making nearly 200 terrorists killed in eight days.

Infantry, police and Kikuyu guards have bottled up the Runthia Ridge.

The Ridge today was ringed with strong-points as bombers roared in to strike at the Mau Mau remnants.

A police spotting plane, using white phosphorus bombs pinpointed sectors for bombing by Lincoln and Harvard.

Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya lost 3,200 killed, 1,017 captured and 385 wounded up to February 1, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Oliver Lyttelton, told the House of Commons today. — Reuters.

Jet Plane Breaks Up In Mid Air

Cheadle, Staffordshire, Feb. 22.

A Venom jet fighter, one of Britain's top secret aircraft, broke up in mid air near here today and crashed, killing the pilot.

The plane, officially known as a DH 112, roared low over villages and farms. Villagers saw the plane disintegrate and then crash into a field.

Performance details of the Venom, which is being built for the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, are still on the secret list. France and Australia have placed several orders for it. — Reuters.

Indo-China Fighting Lull Only Temporary

Paris, Feb. 22.

The Communist High Command in Indo-China is expected to resume its offensive—shortly to gain the maximum of ground before the start of the Geneva conference on Asia in April, military quarters said here tonight.

The present lull in nearly all sectors of the Indo-Chinese battle theatre was regarded here as purely temporary.

It was not excluded in military quarters here that General Von Nguyen Giap, the Communist Commander-in-Chief, might still try to capture the strongly defended Laotian Royal capital of Luang Prabang in a bid to "soften up" French and Vietnamese public opinion on the eve of the Geneva conference.

But military quarters here thought it was more likely that the Communists would turn to "easier" targets, such as distant through the mountainous jungles of Northern Laos to reach the Burma frontier.

"The Communists' obvious aim is to secure psychological victories which will increase the clamour for a truce in France and will frighten the supporters of the national governments of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia," one French officer said.

The Communists could certainly be expected to exert maximum pressure during the next two months to strengthen their case at the Geneva conference, these quarters here said.

But there was complete confidence here that General Henri Navarre, the French Commander-in-Chief, would succeed in holding all strategically important areas.

The main body of the 12,000 strong Communist division which invaded Northern Laos is still stationary in the jungle about 80 kilometres from Luang Prabang.

These troops, together with the estimated 30,000 men massed around the French base of Dien Bien Phu, on the Laos-Tonkin border, are said to be encountering considerable supply difficulties.

Latest French intelligence reports said these troops were running short of rice and other food, following the systematic French bombing of Communist supply lines.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault will almost certainly lead the French delegation at the Geneva conference, it was officially leaked here tonight.

French Foreign Office officials said Indian Prime Minister Nehru's suggestion for an immediate ceasefire in Indo-China had been received here with great interest.

"They are making no further demands but it was likely that the French Government would take any offer of a ceasefire seriously," one French official said.

H-Bomb Believed On Way To Eniwetok

Honolulu, Feb. 22.

The closing of Eniwetok Island caused heightened speculation today that the hydrogen bomb is on its way to the Marshall Islands atoll.

An order closing the secret base was issued yesterday. It was to remain effective for 24 hours. There was no official explanation for the order.

The weather Bureau said that there was no reason to close the island because of weather conditions. They were most favourable in the area.

Reliable sources doubted that the island would be closed to make runway repairs. If such were the case it would be more likely that the work would be done in other than a holiday week.

These sources emphasised that they were only speculating about delivery of the hydrogen bomb. The tight security is being maintained about the forthcoming explosion.

A logical reason for closing the island, the sources said, would be to permit safe delivery of the H-bomb.

The bomb is due to be exploded in the next few weeks. It is believed that scientists are awaiting ideal weather and wind conditions.

NON-STOP FLIGHT

No B-36's were reported in or out of Hawaii in the past day or so. This would indicate that the bomb—if it is being flown—would be carried on a non-stop flight direct from the mainland.

Local sources insisted that B-47's will play a "surprise" part in the tests. The heavy jet bombers have been tested on a four day superior as A-bomb and H-bomb carriers because of their higher speeds.

It is known that at least one B-47 passed through Honolulu last month en route to Eniwetok. Some sources said that the tests will be a series of experiments using both atomic and hydrogen vehicles, climaxing by an actual drop of a full-sized hydrogen bomb.

MAINTAIN SECRECY

Two more officials of the Atomic Energy Commission passed through Honolulu on Saturday night. They refused to give their names, identify themselves or disclose their destination.

However, it is known that the two are scheduled to fly to Eniwetok early this week aboard a military plane.

The last of the Honolulu-based technicians left for the test area last week. Pan-American and United Airlines reported heavier than average flow of AEC and Government representatives from the mainland to Honolulu. From there, they transfer to special military planes for the flight to the testing grounds.

AEC officials said here that the Communists will know within a matter of hours—or at the most within a week—when the bomb explodes.

Their daily patrol planes will measure the radioactive contents of air samples, just as American Air Force planes do. The tip-off on the actual date of the blast will come when invited Congressmen depart for the testing grounds. — United Press.

Druze Leader Arrested

Damascus, Feb. 22.

Jordanian sources said today that the chief of the Druze tribe in Syria had been arrested and handed over to the Syrian authorities for "political reasons."

Another source said that Druze leader had been arrested over the news of his followers after being involved in recent disturbances in the Hama area.

11-Year-Old Schoolgirl Strangled



Picture opposite is that of Margaret Spevick, 11-year-old schoolgirl, who was recently found dead in a one-roomed flat in Hove, Sussex. She had been strangled. A search was made for a Chelsea artist, William R. Hepper, and he has since been detained by police in Spain. Top picture shows a London pavement artist who contributed to the search for Hepper by exhibiting a drawing of him on a London pavement. — Daily Express photos.

Ex-Gestapo Men On Trial

Paris, Feb. 22.

The Nazi "Butcher of Paris," SS General Karl Oberg, and his chief aide, Colonel Helmuth Knochen went on trial for wartime atrocities this afternoon after the French military tribunal had denied their plea for an adjournment.

A 250-page indictment accused the 58-year-old Gestapo police commander who held occupied France in a grip of terror, and his aide of countless tortures, beatings, and indiscriminate shootings.

Listening to the charges against him Oberg, with shaved head and strong brutal face made a sharp contrast with the 44-year-old Knochen who stood beside him with smiling face and elegant appearance.

The two are already serving life sentences. Immediately after the war they were sentenced by a British military court for the murder of British paratroopers but their sentences were later commuted to life imprisonment. — France-Press.

Japanese Announcement Puzzles Businessmen

Singapore, Feb. 23.

Singapore business circles are puzzled by the announcement by the Japanese Ministry of Trade that Japan expects to export more cotton and rayon textiles.

Last year, the quota of Japanese textiles allowed into Singapore was set at 70,000,000 Straits dollars, and by the end of the year, half this amount had not been taken up by merchants in the form of licences.

Out of the \$70,000,000, merchants had obtained licences for \$48,000,000 worth of Japanese textiles by the end of the year, but had only imported textiles to the value of \$31,500,000.

This left a balance of \$38,500,000 to be used.

For this reason the trade advisory panel (textile section), which advised the Singapore Department of Industry and Commerce, decided that the 1954 quota for Japanese textiles should operate from April 1 this year instead of January 1, as in previous years.

The quota for Singapore for the nine remaining months of 1954 has been provisionally set at \$50,000,000 compared with a quota of \$100,000,000 in 1953 and \$30,000,000 in 1952 for the whole of the Federation and North Borneo.

The advisory panel has set a quota of \$20,000,000 for Japanese textiles for the period April 1 to June 30 and a balance of \$30,000,000 for the remainder of the year.

Dope dealers, caught with large stocks in past months with the Indonesian market closed against them, have learnt a bitter lesson and are now trying to work out what to do with their surplus.

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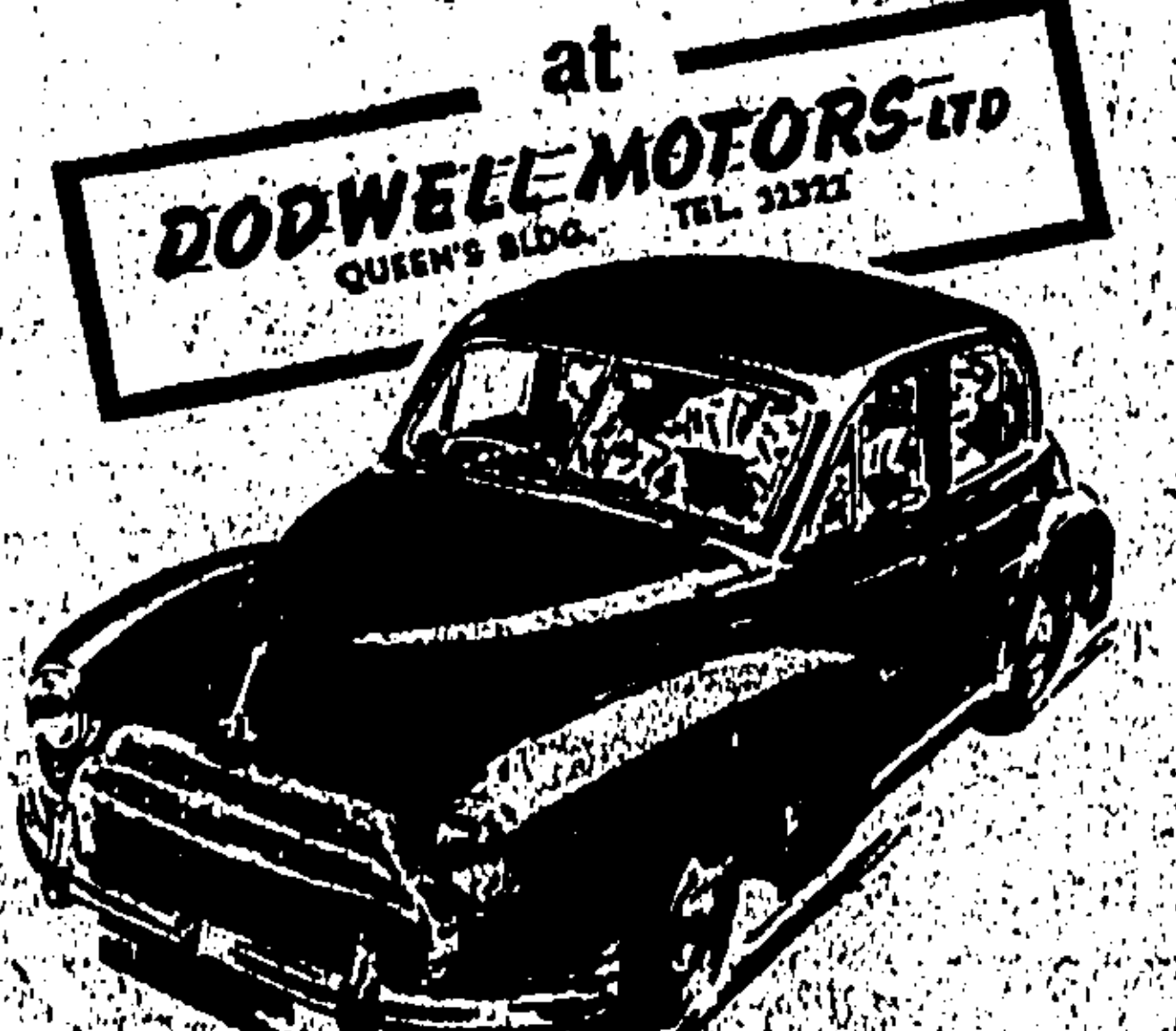
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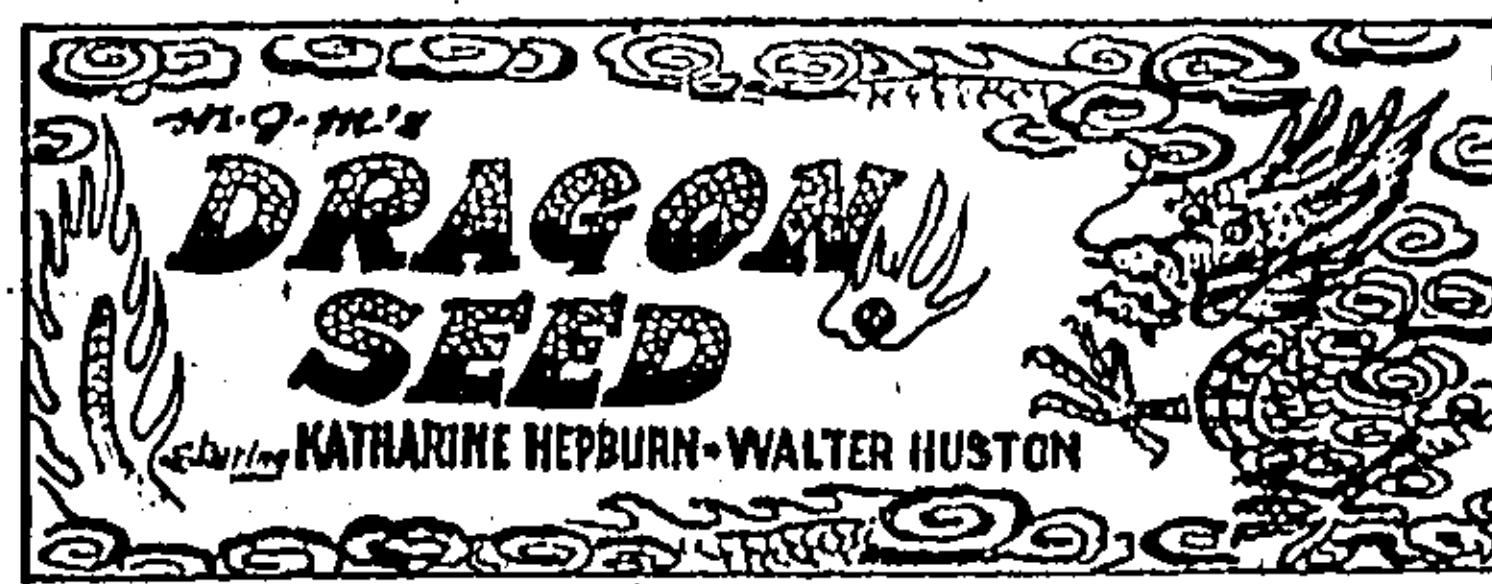
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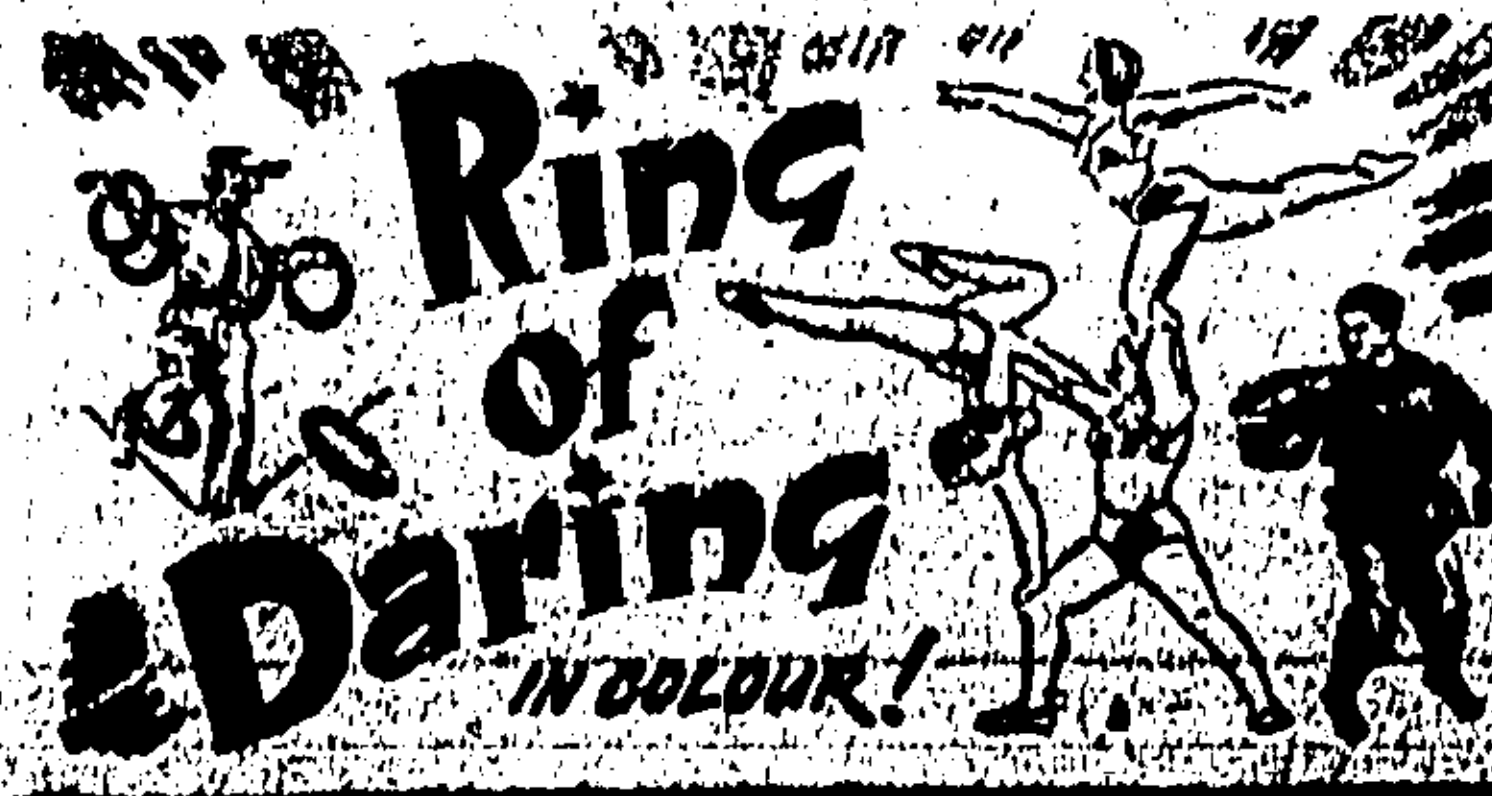


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US MAY ANNOUNCE AID

PLAN SOON Reply To Pakistan's Request

Washington, Feb. 22.
The United States is expected to announce early next week its decision to give military aid to Pakistan in response to the formal request by the Pakistan Foreign Minister today.

The next step is a military aid agreement between Pakistan and the United States. This will help to fill in the vast gap in the United States equipped defence system of the free world now existing between Europe and Turkey in the West and Indo-China and the Philippines in the East.

In terms of collective security the Turkish-Pakistan agreement announced last week tends towards linking up Pakistan with the North Atlantic defence system, because Turkey is a full member of the North Atlantic treaty system, as well as a recipient of United States military and economic aid. The accession of other Middle Eastern countries to the Turkey-Pakistan collaboration agreement will form other links in the chain of collective security arrangements backed by United States military aid along the periphery of Communist Eurasia.

Colour Film Of Australian Royal Tour

London, Feb. 22.
The chief producer of the Australian Department of Information Film Unit, Mr. Stanley Hawes, arrived in London today to supervise preparations of the Australian Royal tour colour film. He is expected to see early "rushes" tomorrow afternoon. Altogether 50,000 feet of film may be shot but Mr. Hawes' team will cut it down to about 6,000 feet before it is released next May as a feature lasting about 65 minutes. Commentators will include at least three leading Australian film, stage or radio personalities in Britain, Messrs John McCullum, Peter Finch and Wilfred Thomas, — China Mail Special.

U.S. Wives Told:

It's Rude To Say 'Hey'

Wives and families of American airmen serving in Britain have been told by the U.S. Air Force that they, as much as their husbands and fathers, are "unofficial ambassadors" of the United States.

"Dependants cannot go anywhere unaccompanied," they have been reminded. "Every word they utter, every public appearance they make, creates in the minds of foreign nationals a certain impression of the United States...."

"The dependant who greets the housekeeper by saying 'Good morning' is creating a true impression that Americans are hospitable and gracious in their conduct."

"By the same token, a 'Hey' calling attention of the merchant to one's presence can only result in misunderstanding since this is a term equivalent of 'You dog' in most areas outside the United States."

They are reminded that the United States State Department, in "Information for bearers of passports" have said: "Tourists who assume an air of arrogance or who transcend the common bounds of decency in human conduct can do more in the course of an hour to break down elements of friendly approach between peoples than the Government can do in the course of a year in trying to stimulate friendly relations." — London Express Service.

Hussein Makki Returning To Persian Politics

Teheran, Feb. 22.
Hussein Makki, who headed the Anglo-Iranian oil installations in 1951, today announced his return to politics "to fight any oil agreement" the present Government might make with Britain.

He said: "I shall stand for the forthcoming Majlis (lower house of Parliament) elections if the authorities permit."

"In co-operation with Ayatollah Khamenei (Persian religious leader and ex-Speaker of the Majlis) I shall express the opposition of the Persian people."

The people, he said, "would never agree to the present Government's attempt to reach an oil settlement with Britain." — Reuters.

Memorial Service To Baden Powell

London, Feb. 22.
Flowers from Scouting organizations all over the world were laid today at the memorial in Westminster Abbey to Lord Baden Powell, founder of the movement, to mark the 57th anniversary of his birth.

Scouting Guides and Scouts attended a short service before the memorial which was draped with the green and yellow Scout flag and the light blue flag of the Girl Guides.

Lord Baden Powell was born on February 22, 1875. His childhood was spent in India and he was a member of the Indian Civil Service. He was a Scoutmaster and a Scout leader.

The Best Fed Countries In The World

New York, Feb. 22.
Only 13 countries have managed in the last few years to obtain or produce food at 3,000 daily calories per person, according to the 1953 United States statistical year book published here today.

The best fed countries of the world were the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Uruguay, Argentina, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Two of the worst fed countries were India and Burma, whose populations got less than 2,000 calories a day, according to the report.

Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands had more than 2,800 calories. Western Germany, France, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Austria, South Africa and Poland had more than 2,600. Turkey, Israel, Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Portugal had more than 2,400.

Meat consumption in all the 16 European countries except France was below the prewar level, but in most of these countries milk consumption had risen.

HOUSING

The housing section of the survey again put Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States at the top, but Britain and the Netherlands were also included in the top category of countries having the largest group of dwelling units in the five to six roomed category.

Countries with over 50 per cent in only 1-2 roomed dwelling units included Singapore (92 per cent of total) and then in decreasing order El Salvador, Yugoslavia, Panama, Haiti, Guatemala, Egypt and France.

World trade (not including the Soviet Union, China and the people's democracies) was slightly lower in 1952 than in 1951, but was 3 1/2 times as great as in 1938—due to a 40 per cent increase in volume and a 150 per cent increase in world prices.

Europe (excluding Eastern European countries) is still by far the largest trading continent, though its share in world imports has fallen from 52 per cent in 1938 to 42 per cent in 1952 and in world exports from 42 per cent in 1938 to 30 per cent in 1952.

Since the war the United States has replaced Britain as the largest single trading country, its imports and exports rising from 10 per cent in 1938 to over 18 per cent in 1952, while Britain's share dropped from 15 per cent in 1938 to about 10 per cent in 1952. — Reuters.

COMMON DANGER

The United States has already promised its help to strengthen the Middle Eastern countries against the common danger of Soviet aggression and expansion.

When terms of the military agreement between Pakistan and the United States are announced, they are expected to make it clear that the arms and equipment to be provided to Pakistan will not be used by Pakistan against India in connection with the dispute over the future of Kashmir.

In deciding to give military aid to Pakistan, the United States is taking the calculated risk that any loss of sympathy and support from India is of less importance than the gain in the collective security of the free world, resulting from United States military support of Pakistan and the strengthening of collective security arrangements in the Middle Eastern area generally. — Reuters.

Round-World Trip In An Invalid's Tricycle

Round the world on an invalid motorised tricycle sounds a little audacious. But that is the trip planned by Mr. I. E. Franklin, 22, of Radnor Bridge Road, Folkestone, according to reports from London.

He contracted polio when he was two years old and relies on his tricycle to get about.

He flies to Paris in a fortnight's time on the first stage of his tour.

He intends to spend two or more years away from England, to visit every country and capital city in the world.

Said Mr. Franklin: "I have no ties here. My mother died recently. I had no other relative."

SMALL LEGACY

"I want to see the world and this is the way to do it. A small legacy from my mother will start me off. I hope to earn money as I go along."

The tricycle will be fitted with a trailer to take camping equipment, including a tent.

It does about 110 miles to the gallon so travelling costs will be low.

Mr. Franklin recently completed a round trip from Folkestone to Edinburgh, Inverness, and Wales.

"I can do that," he said, "going round the world should present no great difficulty." — (London Express Service)

50 Million Phones

New York, Feb. 22.
The United States has more than 50,000,000 telephones, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported today. — United Press.

"You Aren't Fit To Wear That Uniform"

— Says McCarthy

Washington, Feb. 22.
Senator Joseph R. McCarthy today postponed his showdown with Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens until Thursday while his subcommittee investigates another phase of "the Army's handling of Communists."

Simultaneously, it was disclosed that Senator McCarthy's bitter fight with Mr. Stevens exploded into the open because the Wisconsin Republican told B-1 Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker at a secret New York hearing that he was "not fit to wear that uniform."

Senator McCarthy would not identify the witnesses scheduled to appear tomorrow. But he said the new inquiry had nothing to do with the case of Major Irving Peress, whose promotion and honorable discharge led to the current heated controversy.

Senator McCarthy, who announced the postponement of Mr. Stevens' appearance at an impromptu news conference following his return from Philadelphia, said the new hearing would be "primarily" for the Army Secretary's benefit. "I don't want him to make any great mistake," Senator McCarthy said. "He should not be in the embarrassing position of coming back here and testifying under oath because he knows the true picture."

Senator McCarthy's postponement of the Stevens hearing cleared up a last-minute mix-up over whether the Army Secretary would appear tomorrow, as originally scheduled. — United Press.

WHITE HOUSE KEEPS OUT

Palm Springs, California, Feb. 22.
The White House declined today to step publicly into the dispute between Senator Joseph McCarthy and Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said as far as he knew Mr. Stevens has not been in touch with President Eisenhower concerning the Army Secretary's instructions to two high Army officers not to testify before the McCarthy investigating subcommittee. — United Press.

HE REFUSES TO BE TRAPPED

New York, Feb. 22.
A rhesus monkey has joined the wild life at Idlewild airport, exasperated authorities announced today.

Officials said they believed the monkey escaped from a shipment of zoo animals from abroad. It has taken up residence in a ventilator box on a roof of a hangar and is feeding from a trap which has been unsuccessfully set to catch him, they said. — United Press.

Increased Aid Not Sought

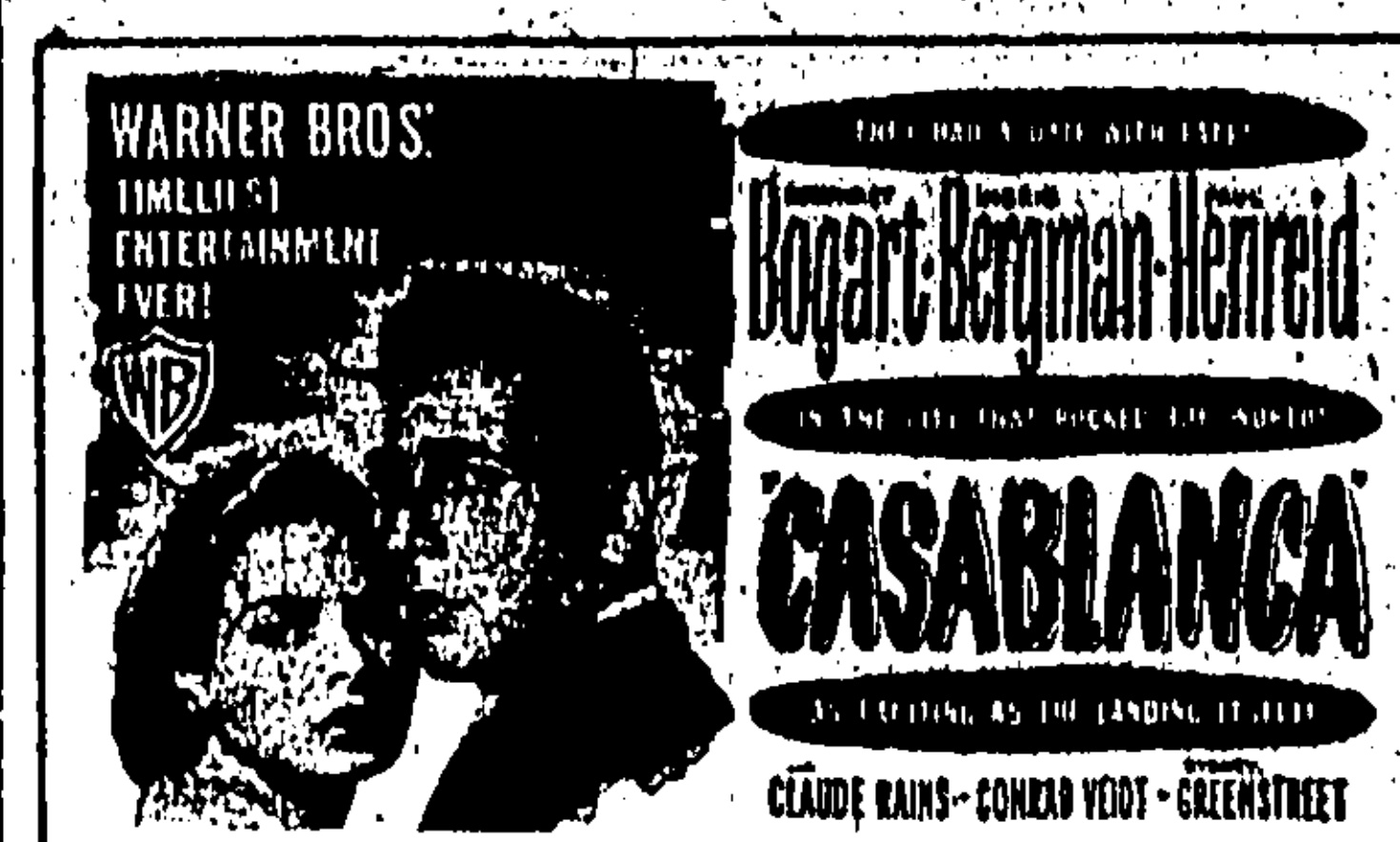
Paris, Feb. 22.
France had not demanded any increase in American military aid as a result of the talks at Dalat in Vietnam between the French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, and the Director of the American Foreign Operations Administration, Mr. Harold Stassen, authoritative circles stated here today.

It was stated a speed-up in the delivery of aid had been requested and that France had put in a request for certain types of war material. — France Press.

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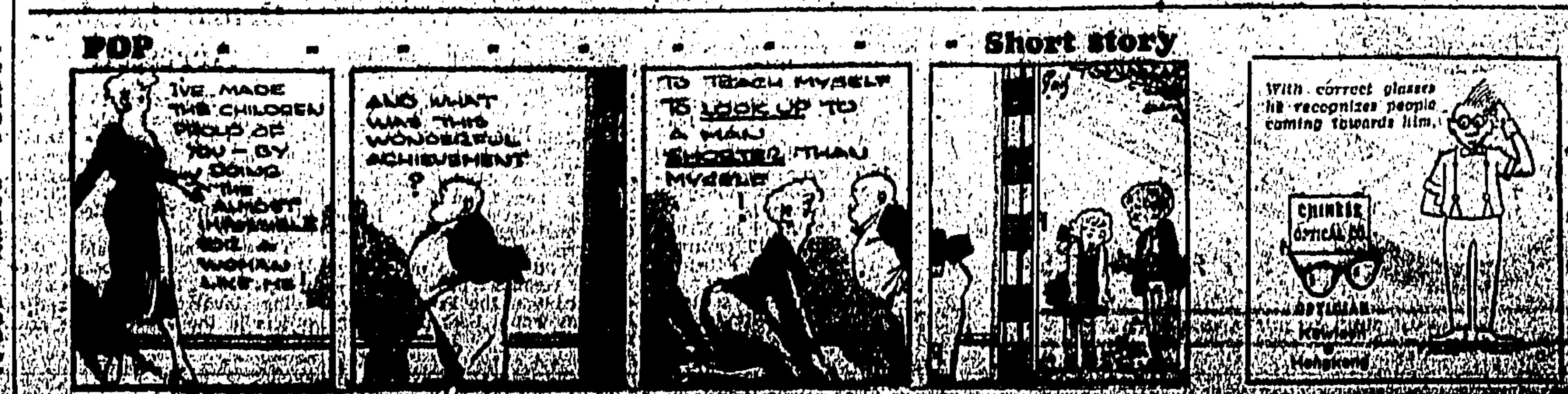
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NEHRU'S APPEAL NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED

World Reaction To Indian Move For Indo-China Talks

Paris, Feb. 22.
Reaction from world capitals to the appeal of the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru, for a cease-fire in Indo-China showed there was little hope of his action being successful—though his initiative was welcomed.

"McCarthyism Has Intimidated US Teachers"

New York, Feb. 22.
Communist investigations have intimidated the entire teaching profession in the United States, Dr. Robert Hutchins, former President of Chicago University, declared in this week's Look magazine.

He wrote: "Education is impossible in many parts of the United States today because free inquiry and free discussion are impossible."

Teachers feared free classroom discussion on any issues that might be considered "controversial" including UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), racial discrimination, health insurance, Communist China or even the bill of rights.

Dr. Hutchins pointed out that Senator Joseph McCarthy's recent attack on Harvard University would not only inhibit the Harvard staff but other university staffs too.

(On January 15 Dr. Wendell Furry, a Harvard Associate Professor of Physics, admitted he was a Communist during the war.)

"Professors everywhere will hesitate before they express opinions contrary to those of Senator McCarthy, or before they say anything that can be twisted into an unpopular statement," Dr. Hutchins stated.

"The teachers of many subjects cannot teach without risking their jobs. In many states they are required to take special oaths that they have not been disloyal."

"No country ever needed education more than ours does today,"—Reuter.

In the two countries most directly concerned—France and Communist China—the idea of a conference on the Indo-China conflict was welcomed, but, in the case of Peking, there was no reference to the appeal of Pandit Nehru.

Peking Radio, quoting an editorial in the official "People's Daily," struck an expectant note on the Geneva conference, but called for "vigilance against bellicose elements in the ruling circles of the United States" which, said the radio, were blocking a peaceful settlement of the Korean question and were actively intervening in Indo-China.

The "People's Daily" was quoted as saying that the Chinese Government and people consistently stood by the point of view that the Korean question and the restoration of peace in Indo-China "must and can be settled through peaceful negotiations."

The editorial said America was taking an increasingly active part in the war in Indo-China and was throwing in large quantities of munitions, military equipment and personnel.

"It is no longer a secret that she is daily aggravating the contradictions between the U.S., France and her other partners. It is especially so since the U.S. is compelling France to continue an unpopular war in Indo-China."

The "People's Daily" said the Berlin agreement on a five-power conference in Geneva showed, incontrovertibly, that China's voice could not be ignored.

In Paris, where the Geneva conference has been welcomed in all circles, Pandit Nehru's suggestion of an immediate cease-fire was regarded tonight as more of a humanitarian gesture than a practical possibility.

Nobody believed his appeal would lead to any armistice announcement and political observers pointed to the example of Korea where, the moment an armistice was signed, each belligerent went all out to put itself into a better firing position at the last minute.

GENERAL SATISFACTION
But there was general satisfaction in Paris official quarters at the result of the Berlin conference, chiefly because, at last, the Indo-China problem had been raised to an international level with the chance of an international peace.

There is, however, no rosy hope of spectacular results at

Geneva. It was pointed out that neither Peking nor Moscow seemed to be prepared to bring any pressure on Ho Chi-minh merely to show their generosity and peaceful spirit.

It was certain, observers said, the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, would try to follow the successes of Berlin and obtain for Communist China what he was unable to obtain there.

It was expected the Formosan question would again be brought up with Soviet insistence on Peking's taking Taiwan's place in the United Nations and Communist China demanding full membership of the Big Five as a precondition to her goodwill over Indo-China.

Political observers in the French capital found it hard to see under what circumstances Ho Chi-minh would be prepared to order a cease-fire immediately and under what circumstances Peking would advise him to do so.

TOP CARDS

The point was stressed that Indo-China, at present, was one of the top cards in Peking's hands—a hand which would not be played before Geneva.

Responsible circles in London received Pandit Nehru's appeal with a mixture of interest and doubt.

Political observers in the British capital questioned whether it was likely to be successful and whether Nehru had sounded out the Peking government before he spoke.

It was pointed out that Peking aid had largely contributed to the Vietnamese capacity to continue the war and for this reason the appeal could only cause a certain confusion of mind, unless there were exact indications of intentions from the Vietnamese and Peking.

Political circles said they hoped Nehru's appeal would be heeded by the Peking government and the Vietnamese.

"LITTLE FINGER"

They drew attention to a statement made by the late Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, when he said about the Greek civil war that Stalin had only to lift his little finger to end it.

Today, these observers said, it only needed the Peking government to stop supplying arms to Ho Chi-minh to bring peace back to Indo-China.

The same political circles pointed out that the wish to see an end to the fighting in Indo-China corresponded with the sentiments manifested throughout France. The French government had, once more, declared itself in favour of an honourable settlement which it hoped to be able to reach in agreement with the governments of the three Associated States of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, the sources concluded.

In the United Nations in New York, well-informed circles said Pandit Nehru's appeal had not been preceded by negotiations with the parties concerned in the conflict. It was also believed India had no immediate intentions of going beyond the appeal.

U.N. circles considered that Nehru would now wait to see the reactions from Paris and the Vietnamese.

The belief in U.N. headquarters was that the Indian Government would be ready to put itself at the disposal of both sides to negotiate a cease-fire which could be a prelude to discussions at Geneva.

Pandit Nehru's appeal came as a surprise to several U.N. delegations including that of the United States, but it was pointed out a cease-fire was difficult because of the existence of no fixed front-line and because of the presence of many pockets in both areas.

Indian participation in the Geneva conference was ruled out because the entry of neutrals in the deliberations had been banned. But there was no doubt that India was ready to use her good offices of peace.

She's Going To Defend Farouk's Moral Conduct



Mrs. Tomma Jean Robinson, twenty-two-year-old wife of a wealthy American steel magnate, has arrived in Paris with a mission. She represents 43 matrons of Des Moines, Iowa, members of the "American League for the Defence of King Farouk." The society's aim is to vindicate Farouk's "moral and spiritual conduct."—Express Photo.

Now It's No Glamour & All Hard Work For Air Hostesses

London, Feb. 23.
Faster airliners mean faster air hostesses and this means the job is losing much of its glamour, according to British European Airways.

Adenauer Thanks The West

"We Could Not Have Done Better"

Bonn, Feb. 22.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, said today "the stubbornness of the Soviet Union was based not on strength but rather on fear of losing her satellites and on domestic insecurity."

In an interview with the semi-official newspaper, Dr. Adenauer said "nothing was lost" despite the failure of attempts to reunify Germany which "he attributed to Soviet desire 'to dominate the world.'"

He insisted on Germany's adherence to the policy of European integration which "does not serve the interests of the European States only but also of the world, including the Soviet Union."

Dr. Adenauer expressed "the sincere gratitude of the German people toward the Western European Ministers who represented our cause so clearly, so logically and so amicably that one can only say German negotiators could not have done better."

He supported the Western view that the question whether a reunified Germany would remain or not in the European Defence Community was "academic."—France-Press.

"White Paper" On Berlin Talks

London, Feb. 22.
The British Government today published a 180-page "White Paper" on the four-power conference containing the main speeches delivered by the four Foreign Ministers at open sessions between January 25 and February 18.

The Paper included documents and resolutions submitted during the conference, and the speeches of the Austrian Foreign Minister Dr. Leopold Figl.

It contained no reports on the restricted sessions—France-Press.

Just His Job!

Minneapolis, New York, Feb. 22.
Roman Landis, 24, was fined \$100 yesterday for drunken driving after his car hit a house, caused a lawn, knocked over a tree, roused a chunk out of another house, careened into the garage pushing the other car out and collapsing the garage.

Landis is a professional house wrecker.—United Press.

Former Ambassador Says:

No Significant Change In Red Rulers Since 1917

Washington, Feb. 21.
The former British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir David Kelly, in an interview published here today, said world peace hinged on the success of NATO and the harnessing of German military strength by the West.

"If NATO is able to do what it set out to do and if German strength can be utilised through the EDC, I think we have a very good chance of showing a firm front to keep the peace," he said.

The interview took place recently in London and was published under copyright in the current issue of the weekly magazine "US News and World Report."

Expressing no surprise at the "lack of results" from the Berlin conference, Sir David explained: "The Communist rulers of Russia are tied to an iron-clad body of doctrine, are simply not swayed by discussion and argument or personal feelings."

ROOSEVELT'S FAILURE

Sir David said such has been the case since 1917 and he has seen "no significant change in their fundamental outlook, either internally or externally" since Stalin's death.

Further, he said, "the failure of Western Governments of public opinion and perhaps especially the failure of President Roosevelt to grasp Russia's fixed purposes was responsible for the successive positions of power that Russia gained at the end of World War II. That is at the root of today's tension."

He added: "The great illusion has been that Soviet rulers were not different from ordinary Western politicians, living from day to day with no definite long-term objectives and capable of being turned from their purpose by personal persuasion."—United Press.

Lilac Dress For The Queen at "Under 30" Revels

Hobart, Tasmania, Feb. 22.
Queen Elizabeth, wearing a lilac coloured dress of Swiss embroidered organza, attended "Under 30" revels at the State Hall in Hobart City Hall tonight, but did not dance.

As 1,200 people on the dance floor and 1,100 in the galleries—at least half of them under 30—enjoyed the informal evening in the presence of royalty, the crowd outside cheered and chanted: "We want the Queen."

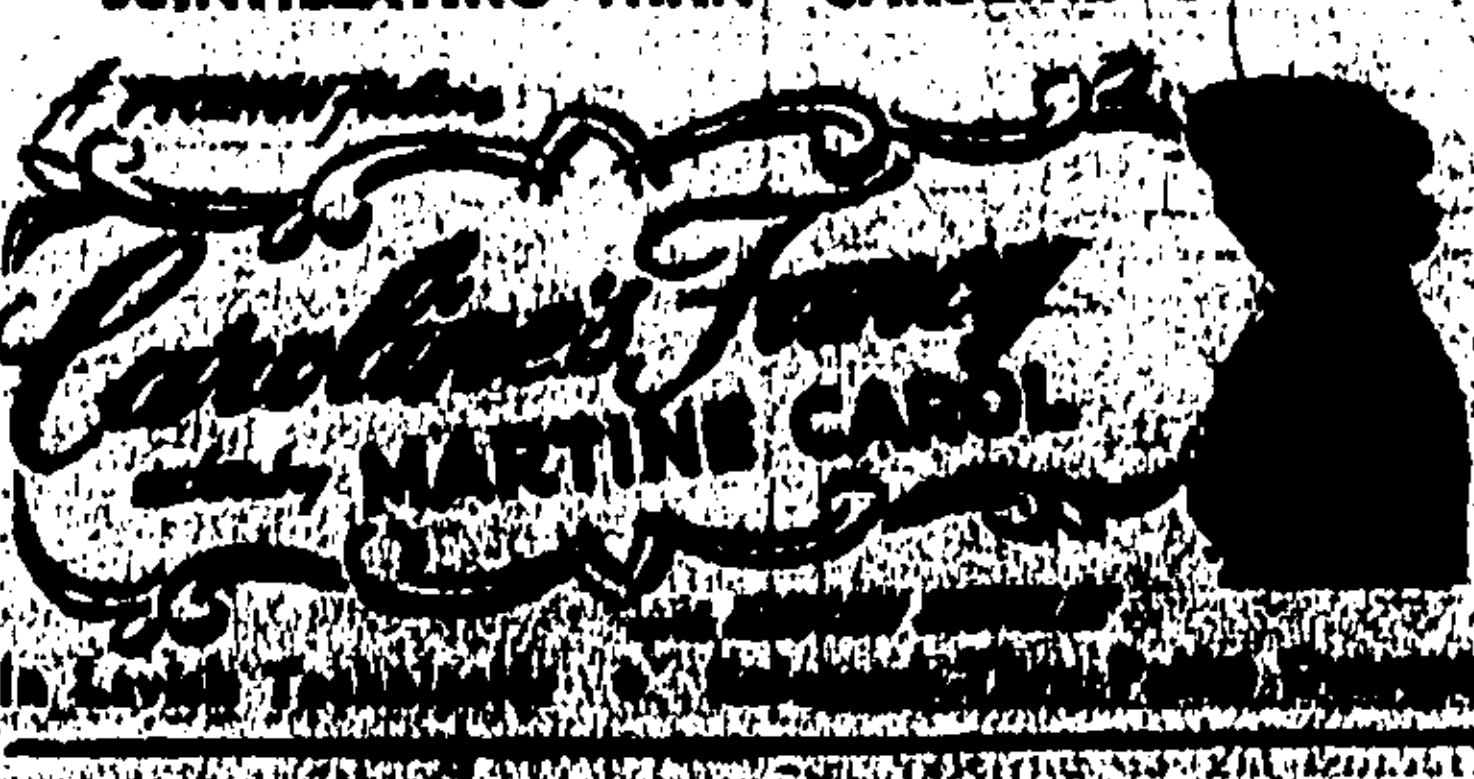
The Queen's official day had started with opening the fifth session of Tasmania's 30th Parliament.

Spectators were seated within six feet of the Queen when she read the speech opening Parliament in the small Legislative Council Chamber packed today with 200 people in the space normally occupied by only 19 members.

The Queen and the Duke spent the afternoon at a garden party in the grounds of Government House and mingled with the 4,000 guests.—Reuter.

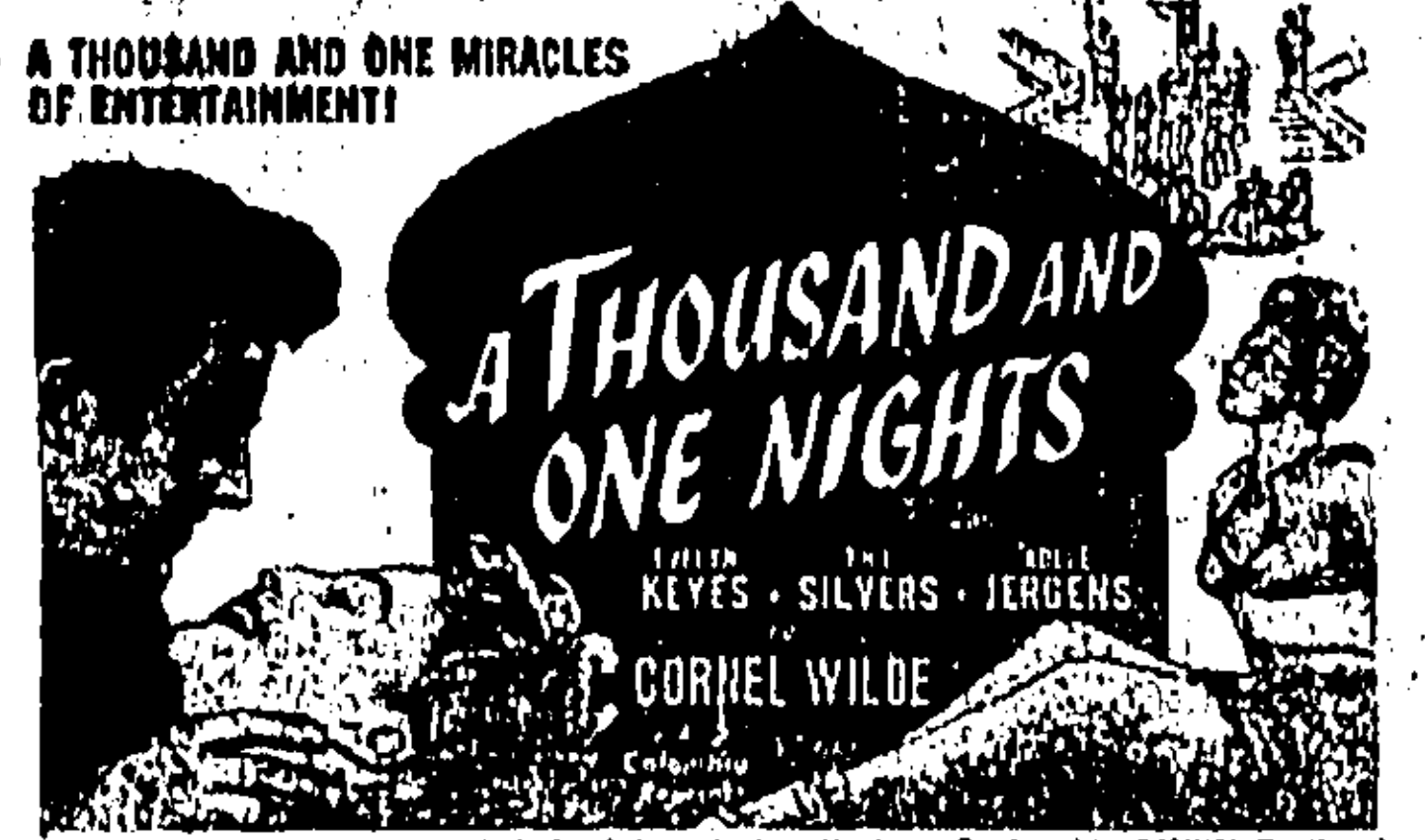
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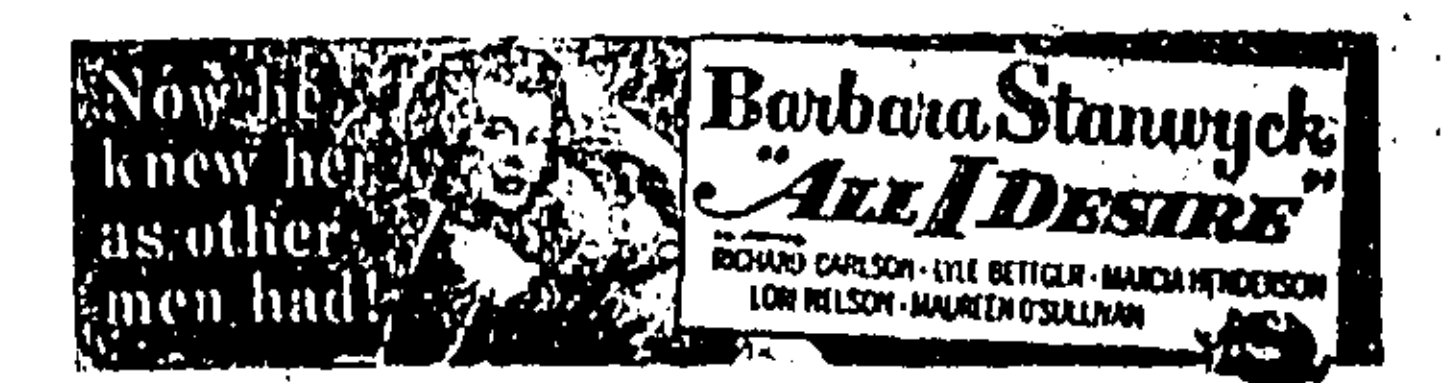


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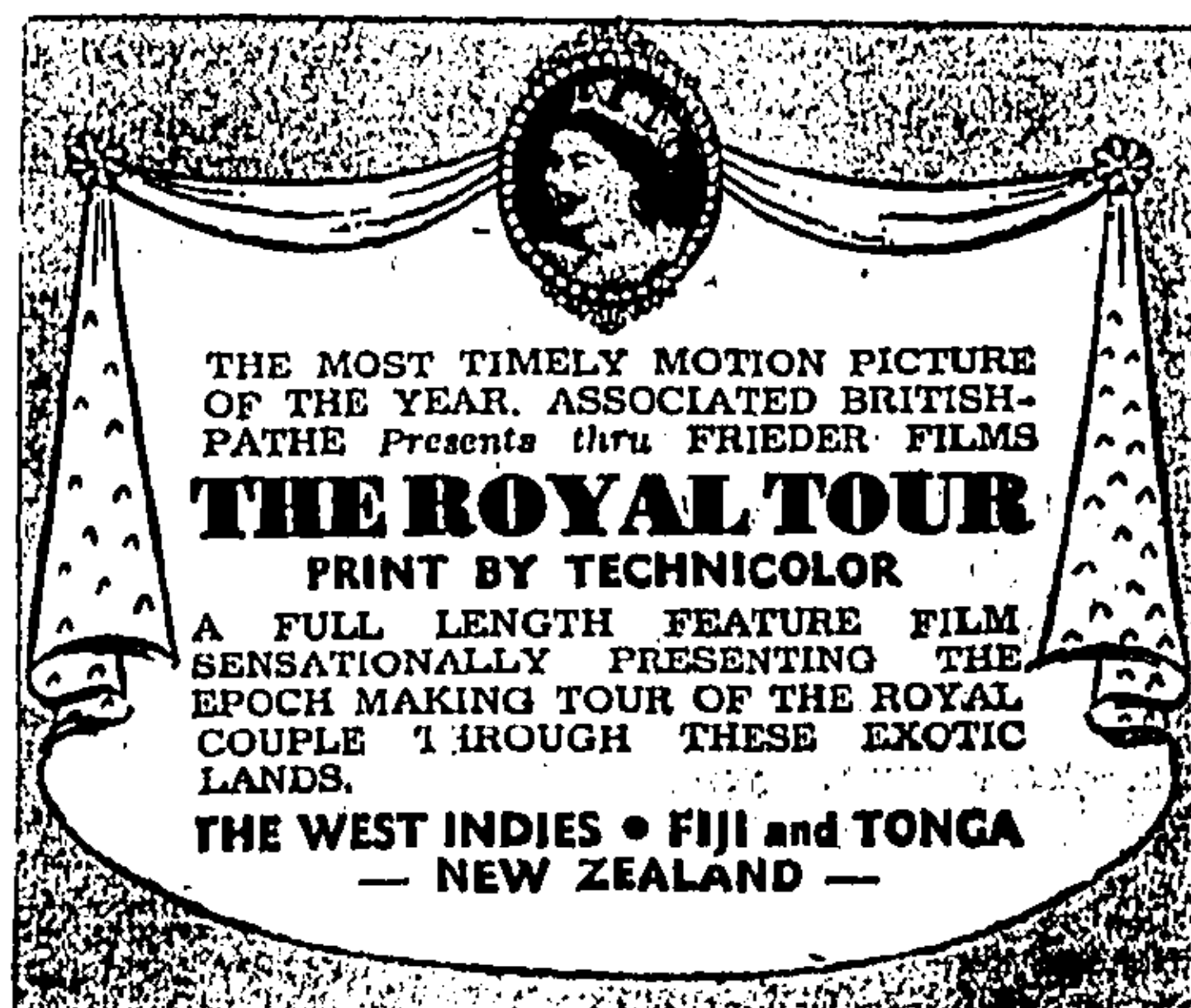


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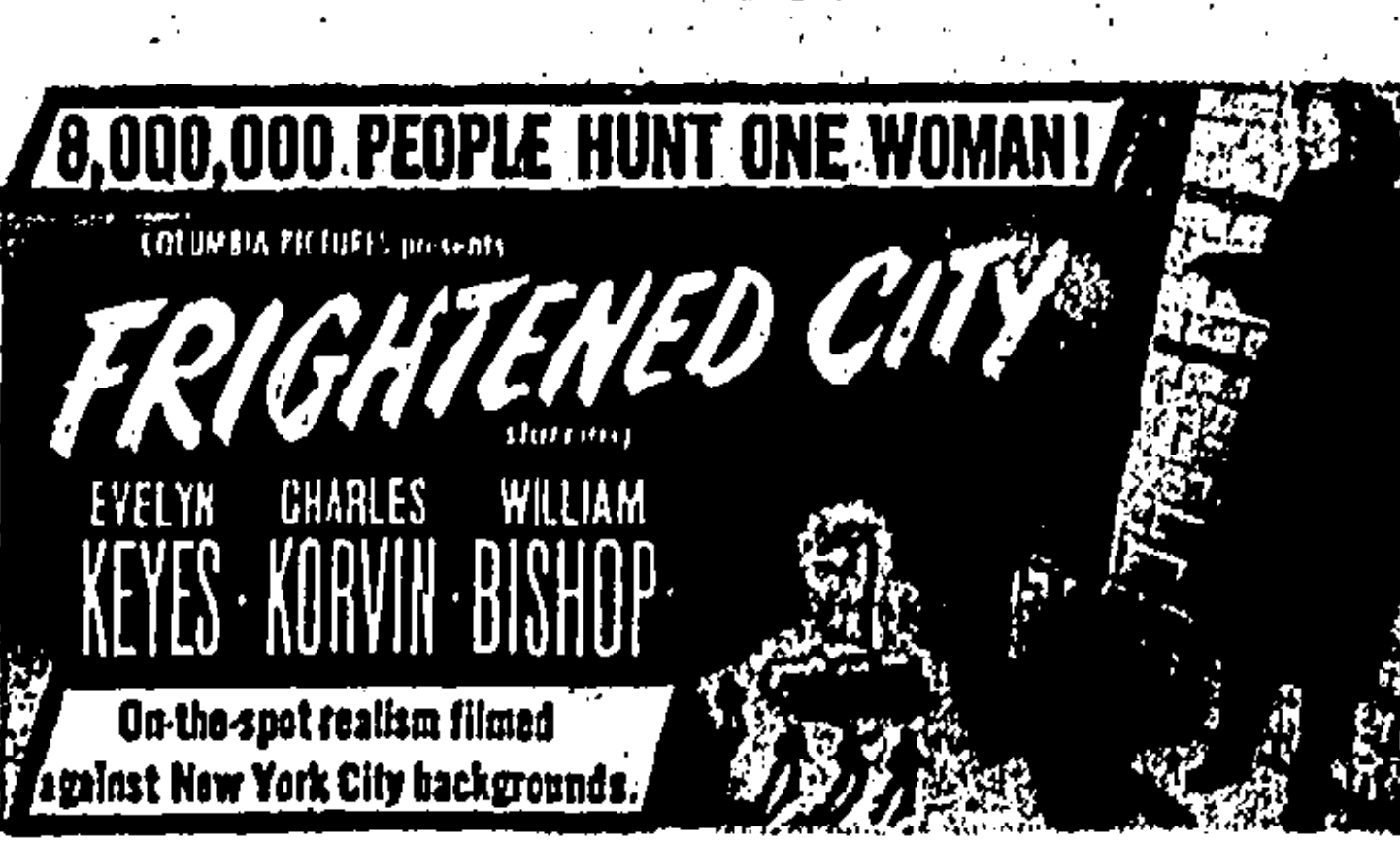
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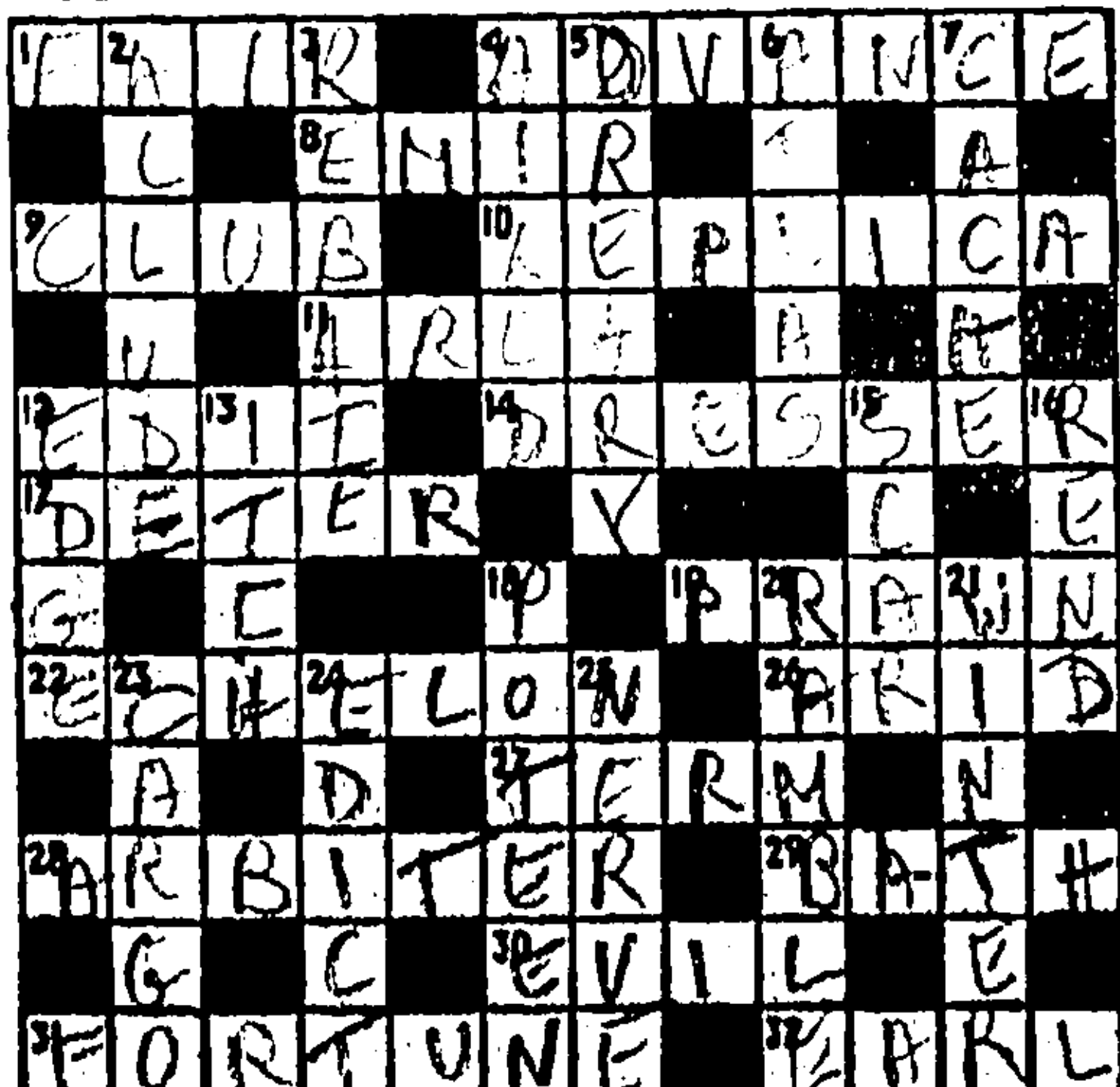


"THE BIG HEAT"



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- ACROSS
1 Imperial (7).
4 Progress (7).
8 Arab potentate (4).
9 Social centre (4).
10 Exact copy (7).
11 Extent (4).
12 Prepare for publication (4).
14 Article of furniture (7).
15 Put off (5).
16 Shillings (5).
17 Military formation (7).
18 Washed (4).
19 Quarrelsome (4).
20 Judge (7).
21 Tub (4).
22 Wickiwas (4).
23 Wealth (7).
24 Nobleman (4).
- DOWN
2 Refer to (6).
3 Discount (6).
4 Ventilated (6).
5 Dismal (6).
6 Book of maps (5).
7 Hiding-place (5).
12 Beink (4).
13 Irritate (4).
14 Blenheim (4).
15 Test (4).
16 Illustrious (6).
17 Benson (6).
18 Shipments (6).
19 Order (5).
20 Chequid (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Crawl, 5. Coast, 8. Appal, 9. Retina, 10. Pivot, 11. Antio, 12. Able, 13. Tired, 14. Sedan, 15. Petrol, 20. Scene, 22. Limp, 23. Doit, 25. Recur, 26. August, 27. Bear, 28. Speed, 29. Skates, Down: 1. Gullible, 2. Alibi, 3. Laid, 4. Spanner, 5. Capital, 6. Milder, 7. Score, 14. Alibi, 15. Desires, 16. Steered, 17. Dollars, 18. Kudos, 19. Champ, 20. Rusty.

Concluding The Black Baronet, a new SHERLOCK HOLMES Adventure

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR...

Colonel Jocelyn Darcy has been stabbed to death in the banquet hall at Lavington Court. The host, Sir Reginald Lavington, was suspected because of jealousy over his wife. Holmes spends a day searching for old documents relating to the Lavingtons. Then he and Dr Watson set off for Lavington Court.

PART THREE

It was a wild, blustering evening. As we walked through the dusk to the old manor-house, the air was filled with the creaking of tree-branches and I felt the cold touch of a blown leaf against my cheek. Lavington Court was as shadowy as the hollow in which it lay; but, as Gillingham opened the door to us, a gleam of light showed in the direction of the banquet hall.

"Inspector Gregson has been asking for you, sir," said the butler, helping us off with our wraps.

We hurried towards the light. Gregson, with a look of deep agitation, was pacing up and down beside the table. He glanced at the now-empty chair beyond the great cup.

"Thank God you've come, Mr Holmes!" he burst out. "Sir Reginald was telling the truth. I didn't believe it, but he is innocent. Barrett has dug up two farmers who met him walking in the river at 10.30 yesterday morning. Why couldn't he have said he met them?"

There was a singular light in Holmes's eyes as he looked at Gregson.

"There are such men," he said.

"Did you know this all the time?"

"I did not know of the witnesses, no. But I hoped that you would find a witness, since for other reasons I was convinced of his innocence."

"Then we're back where we started!"

"Hardly that. Had you thought, Gregson, of reconstructing this crime after the French fashion?"

"How do you mean?"

Holmes moved to the end of the table, which still bore the marks of the recent tragedy. "Let us suppose that I am Colonel Darcy, a tall man, standing here at the head of the table. I am about to drink with someone, who means to stab me."

'No!' Shouted Holmes 'Not Another Inch!'

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE and JOHN DICKSON CARR

I pick up the cup like this, and with both hands I lift it to my mouth. Sol Gregson, we will suppose that you are the murderer. Stab me in the throat! "What the devil do you mean?"

Gregson, as though hypnotized, took a step forward with his hand raised, and stopped.

"But it can't be done, Mr Holmes! Not like this, anyway!"

"The direction of the Colonel's wound was straight upwards through the throat. Nobody could strike upwards from underneath across the breadth of the table. It's impossible!"

My friend, who had been standing with his head back and the heavy cup lifted to his lips by both hands, now straightened up and offered it to the Scotland Yard man.

"Good!" said he. "Now, Gregson, imagine that you are Colonel Darcy. I am the murderer. Take my place, and lift the cup of Lavington."

"Very well. What next?"

"Do exactly what I did. But don't put the cup to your lips. That's it, Gregson; that's it! Mark well what I say: don't put it to your lips."

The light flashed back from the great drinking-vessel as it tilted.

"No, man, no!" shouted Holmes suddenly. "Not another inch, if you value your life!"

Even as he spoke, there came a click and a metallic slither. A thin, sharp blade shot from the lower edge of the cup with the speed of a striking snake.

Had Gregson been drinking from the cup of Lavington, the blade would have pierced upwards through his throat. He sprang back with an oath, while the vessel, falling from his hands, crashed and jangled across the floor.

"My God!" I cried.

"My God!" echoed a voice which struck across my own.

Sir Reginald Lavington, his dark features now livid, was standing behind us with one hand partly raised as though to ward off a blow. Then, with a groan, he buried his face in his hands. We stared at each other in horror-struck silence.

"If you hadn't warned me, the blade would have been through my throat," said Gregson in a shaking voice.

"Our ancestors had a neat way of eliminating their enemies," observed Holmes, lifting the heavy cup and once more examining it closely. "With such a toy in the house, it is a dangerous thing for a guest to drink in his host's absence."

"Then this was only an appalling accident!" I exclaimed. "Darcy was the innocent victim of a trap fashioned four centuries ago!"

"Observe the cunning of this mechanism, very much as I suspected yesterday afternoon—"

"Mr Holmes," burst out the baronet. "I have never asked favour of any man in my life—"

"Perhaps it would be as well, Sir Reginald, if you left the explanation to me," interrupted Holmes quietly. "His long thin fingers moving over the chased surface of the cup. The blade cannot strike unless the cup be lifted fully to the lips. When the full pressure of both hands is exerted on the handles, then the handles themselves act as triggers for the spring-mechanism, to which the old blade is attached. You will perceive the minute slot just below the circle of jewels and cleverly disguised by the carving."

There was awe in Gregson's face as he gazed down at the ancient vessel.

"Then you mean," he stated solemnly, "that the person who drinks from the cup of Lavington is a dead man?"

"By no means. I would draw your attention to the small silver owl-figures on the crest of the handles. If you look closely, you will see that the right-hand one turns on a pivot. I believe this to act in the same way as a safety-catch on a rifle. Unfortunately, these old mechanisms are not to become unreliable with the passage of the centuries."

Gregson whistled.

"It was an accident, right enough!" he stated. "Your reference to a mischance, Sir Reginald, has proved to be a lucky shot in the dark. I suspected it all the time. But one moment. Why didn't we see the blade when we first saw the cup?"

"Let us suppose, Gregson," replied Holmes, "that there is some form of recoil-spring."

"But surely, Holmes," I cried, "there could be no such—"

"As you were about to say, Watson, there was no such description of the cup as I had hoped to find in the Maldstone County Registry. However, it did yield me the interesting document I read you."

"Well, well, Mr Holmes, you can give me the historic details later," said Gregson, turning to the baronet. "In regard to this affair, Sir Reginald, you can think yourself lucky that there are some sharp men hereabouts. Your possession of this dangerous relic might have caused a serious miscarriage of justice. Either you must have the mechanism removed, or entrust it to Scotland Yard."

Sir Reginald Lavington, who had been biting his lip as though to suppress some overwhelming emotion, looked dazedly from Holmes to Gregson.

"Right willingly," he said at length. "But the Luck of Lavington has been in our family for over four hundred years," said Gregson, turning to the baronet. "I feel it should go to Mr Sherlock Holmes."

Holmes's eyes met those of the baronet.

"I will accept it as a memento of a very gallant man," said he. As Holmes and I made our way up the steep lane in the wind-swept darkness, we turned at the brow of the hill and looked down at the old manor-house with its lights dimly reflected in the moat.

"I do feel, Holmes," said I, somewhat nettled, "that you owe me an explanation. When I tried to point to you an error in your case, you indicated plainly that you wished me to speak no further."

"What error, Watson?"

"Your explanation of how the cup worked. By the release of a powerful spring from a trigger controlled by the handles, it would have been quite easy to make the blade strike. But to push it back again, unless this were done by hand so that the blade could be caught again in the mechanism—that, my dear fellow, is quite a different thing."

For a moment Holmes did not reply. He stood gaunt and lonely, his gaze fixed on the ancient tower of Lavington.

"Surely it was apparent from the first," said he, "that no living murderer could have stabbed Darcy, and that some thing was wrong with the appearance of the crime as we saw it?"

"You deduced this from the direction of the wounds?"

"That, yes. But there were other facts equally indicative."

"Your behaviour suggested as much at the time. Yet I cannot see what facts."

"The scratches on the table, Watson. And the wine spilled on both table and floor."

"Pray, be good enough to explain."

"Colonel Darcy's finger-nails," replied Holmes, "and clawed at the table-top in his death-throes and all the while had been spilling. You remarked that?"

Good. Taking as a working hypothesis the theory that he was killed by a blade in the cup, what must follow? The blade would strike. Then—"

Then the cup would fall, spilling the wine. I grant that. But is it reasonable that the cup, in falling, should land upright on the table—as we found it? This was overwhelmingly unlikely. Further evidence made it impossible. I lifted the cup, if you recall, when I first examined it. Underneath it, covered by it, you saw—"

"Scratches," I interrupted. "Scratches and spilled wine."

"Precisely. Darcy would die soon, but not instantly. If the cup fell from his hands, as we assume that it hung suspended in the air, and afterwards descended over the scratches and the wine? No, Watson. There was, as you pointed out, no recoil mechanism."

Darcy dead, some living hand picked up the cup from the floor. Some living hand pushed back the blade into the cup and set it upright on the table."

A gust of rain blew out of the dreary sky, but my companion remained motionless.

"Holmes," said I, "according to the butler—"

"According to the butler?"

"Yes?"

"Sir Reginald Lavington was drinking with the Colonel. At least, Darcy is reported to have said so."

"And, as he said so," commented Holmes, "gave so curious a laugh that Gillingham could not forget it. Had the laugh an ulterior meaning, Watson? But I had better say no more, I make you an unnecessary after the fact like myself."

"You do me less than justice, Holmes. Should I become accessory after the fact in a good cause?"

"In my judgment," said Sherlock Holmes, "one of the best of causes."

"Then you may rely on my silence."

"Be it so, Watson. Now consider the behaviour of Sir Reginald Lavington. For an innocent man he acted very strangely."

"You mean that Sir Reginald—"

"Pray don't interrupt. Though he had witnesses that he had not been drinking with Darcy, he preferred to produce them. Why should Darcy, a man of such different character from his host, pay frequent visits to the house? What was Darcy doing there? Interpret the meaning of Lavington's statement, 'I know his character now!' We saw the answers to these questions played out in deadly pantomime. To me it suggested the blackest of all crimes: blackmail."

"Sir Reginald," I exclaimed, "was guilty after all. He was—"



He sprang back with an oath while the vessel fell from his hands.

a dangerous man, as I remarked—"

"A dangerous man, yes," agreed Holmes. "But you have seen his character. He might kill. But he would not kill and conceal."

"Conceal what?"

"Reflect again, Watson. Though we know that he was not drinking with Darcy in the banquet hall, he might have returned from the river just in time to find Darcy dead. That was when he thrust the blade back into the cup, and set it upright again. But guilt? No. His behaviour, his willingness to be arrested, can be understood only if he had been shielding someone else."

I followed my friend's gaze, which had never moved from the direction of Lavington Court.

"Holmes," I cried, "then who set that diabolical mechanism?"

"Think, Watson! Who was the only person who uttered that one word 'jealousy'?"

Let us suppose a woman has erred before her marriage, but never after it. Let us suppose, moreover, that she believes her husband, a man of the old school, would not understand. She is at the mercy of that most vicious of all parasites, a society blackmailer. She is present when the blackmailer drinks a toast—by his own choice—from the Luck of Lavington. But, since she is obliged to slip away at the entrance of the butler, the blackmailer laughed and lied. Say no more, Watson. Let the past sleep."

As you wish. I am silent.

"It is a cardinal error to make dear fellow, to theorize without data. And yet, when we first entered Lavington Court yesterday evening, I had a glimpse of the truth."

"But what did you see?"

As we turned away towards our inn and the comforting light of a fire Sherlock Holmes nodded over his shoulder.

"I saw a pale, beautiful woman descend a staircase, once I had seen her on the stage. Have you forgotten another ancient manor, and a hostess named Lady Macbeth?"

THE END

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A NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY STARTS ON SATURDAY

WHAT MAKES AN ATOM BOMB

BEHIND CLOAK OF SECRECY

Part Four Of An Important Report by

GORDON DEAN

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

IT is hard to imagine uranium, one of the heaviest metals in the world, in the form of a gas. Yet it must be made into a gas if it is to be separated. The only gas that can be used in the gaseous-diffusion process is uranium hexafluoride, which is composed of one part of uranium to each six parts of our old corrosive friend, fluorine. To make "hex," as uranium hexafluoride has come to be known throughout the atomic energy programme, the chemist turns to the green salt we left at Fernald when we decided to follow the plutonium route to a bomb.

Let us look for a moment at this product. In making "hex," the chemist has not only succeeded in producing a material that can be used in the gaseous-diffusion process; he has also produced a material that is nearly as corrosive and as dangerous to handle as either pure fluorine or hydrofluoric acid.

All-out Effort

Whereas green salt is a relatively docile compound, this is certainly not true of "hex." It will, like pure fluorine, severely corrode and sometimes ignite many metals and all organic materials if it touches them in the presence of air. And yet this is the material that must be fed into the gaseous-diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Paducah and Portsmouth.

Moreover, the "hex" must be used in the form of a gas, and yet at room temperature it is actually a solid. To make it into a gas, therefore, its temperature must be raised. This means that while it is in the gaseous-diffusion plant it must be kept relatively hot, a condition which adds to its corrosiveness.

The way in which the problems thus presented were solved comprises one of the most interesting stories in the entire atomic energy programme. Briefly, it consisted of an all-out research effort to find, or develop if need be, a group of plastics, oils and waxes that would be immune to the intense corrosiveness of uranium hexafluoride. Now, if there is anything in the world that is immune to fluorine, it is quite obviously fluorine itself. It is not surprising, therefore, that this research effort led to the development of a whole series of brand-new materials in which fluorine is one of the main constituents.

Fluorocarbons

These raw materials—called fluorocarbons, because they are combinations of fluorine and carbon—are colourless, odourless, harmless, and chemically stable. One of the most appealing things about them is that they are not only resistant to fluorine, but are also resistant to practically everything else, including heat, fire, water, most acids—and oxygen, the culprit in the atmosphere that causes the fairly rapid deterioration of so many similar substances.

Here is a case, then, where the atomic energy programme has produced a new product, a new series of materials that will inevitably find many important applications in the manufacture of such things as tough, long-wearing plastics, oils, and possibly paints. I know this is a prediction, but it is based on the knowledge that at least one new, valuable use for fluorocarbons has already been found—in the production of plastics for protecting costly metal products from corrosion and for insulating electronic equipment.

Oak Ridge

Now that your uranium, in the form of "hex," is ready for its journey through one of the Atomic Energy Commission's three gaseous-diffusion plants, it is placed in a metal container, specially constructed for safety purposes, and sent, let us say, to Oak Ridge, where the first gaseous-diffusion plant ever built is still in operation. It is operated for the Commission by the Union Carbide and Carbon Company.

Oak Ridge is a busy town of about 35,000 people, nestled in a long, narrow valley, stretching between two moderately high, wooded ridges in the hills of eastern Tennessee, about 20 miles west of Knoxville. It was built during the war, by the Army Corps of Engineers, and still retains many of the outward features of a typical Army post—roominess, low-lying frame buildings, and here and there a barracks-like dormitory.

It is an open city. Visitors may drive into it, stop in its stores, visit its homes, and browse through its principal public shopping places, the American Museum of Atomic Energy, and the plant's own "atomarium."

which lie in three widely separated valleys away from the town, are out of bounds to the average visitor.

It is out into one of these valleys, past the sign that reads: "Prohibited Area," that your uranium now must go, there to begin its long, tortuous journey through the gaseous-diffusion plant.

If you have never seen a gaseous-diffusion plant, there are no words that will prepare you for such an experience. Your first impression, as you view it from afar, is one of sheer size.

Solid Maze

But if the impression you receive "from afar" is one of sheer size, the impression a close-up view gives you is one of sheer complexity. If you were to walk into one of the many doors of the main building, doors large enough for a heavy truck to drive through—you would find around you almost a solid maze of pipes, wires and instruments.

It is impossible to describe the intricacy of this equipment, but it is possible to convey a feeling for its bulk. For instance, just for the two most recent additions to the plant, not including the main original building, the copper tubing and other pipe material required would extend in a line from Washington, D.C., to Hartford, Connecticut; enough electrical wiring was used to make a telephone cable from Jacksonville, Florida to Boston; and the building siding needed would enclose nearly 200 six-room houses.

When your pound of uranium, in the form of "hex," arrives at Oak Ridge, it is into this remarkable system that it is placed. It goes into one of the many compartments as a hot gas, and from there it is cooled and recycled through thousands of other compartments and past thousands of barriers until part of it can be drawn off as gas containing virtually pure uranium-235.

Bit By Bit

This is the way it works: When your "hex" has been sorted into the plant, and after about half of it has passed through the first barrier into the next, forward compartment, the remaining half—slightly depleted in "235"—is drawn off and sent backward to a compartment at a lower stage in the chain. This must be done by halves, because if all or too much of the gas in the first compartment were permitted to pass forward to the next stage, the proportion of "235" in the succeeding stage would not increase. The whole purpose of the plant, of course, is to increase that proportion bit by bit.

This backward-forward movement is repeated at each of the thousands of stages in the plant, with each molecule of the gas inching its way gradually through the plant, and each molecule of "235" gradually inching its way backward. The net forward movement is so slight that it takes even the "speediest" molecule many months to pass through the entire plant, and the volume of gas at the lowest stage is more than 100,000 times greater than it is at the uppermost, where the uranium-235 "cream" is taken off.

Critical Mass

Once out of the plant, the "hex" that is now highly enriched by uranium-235 goes again to the indispensable chemist, who removes the fluorine, leaving, finally, pure uranium-235 metal. This metal looks exactly like normal natural uranium, and, as a matter of fact, it is exactly like normal natural uranium, except for two interesting differences—it is ever so slightly lighter, and it will, if brought together into a "critical mass," explode like an atomic bomb.

As with plutonium, the amount of uranium-235 that has emerged from your original toll of ore is but a fraction of an ounce. And, also, as with plutonium, this product goes from Oak Ridge deep behind the cloak of secrecy to the places where it is machined and finally stored in atomic bombs.

You will recall that only half of it is gone in 24,000 years. In this respect, uranium-235 is even better, for only half of it will be gone in four million years. Like plutonium, then, it is, so far as we are concerned, a stable, permanent material of immense value for its use in atomic energy, but also explosive in response, but also it need never be used in weapons as fuel for atomic power plants.

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HEART THROB ALLEY

By JACK SENN

London. And there's little romance in the Alley for the ordinary "hack" who markets his wares there.

If a song looks a likely winner, the publisher pays him a "consideration" fee of about £15, then tries to plug it to top-line bands and crooners.

Should the number "click" the publisher concludes a contract with the writer, ensuring that both get their dues from its publication and performance.

But if no one is interested, the writer leaves his effort in the wastebasket and starts again. The publisher kisses his £15 "goodbye."

Not all the songs published in the Alley are British. Big business is done by the "importers" who buy up the British rights of numbers that have already reached the U.S. hit parade.

These arrive fully edited and arranged and go straight to the public.

Continental and Latin American imports stay in the Alley just long enough to have English lyrics dubbed in. Publishers say this is harder than composing an entirely new number.

The new English lyrics are seldom a straight translation of the original—usually because of rhyming snags. Sometimes the story of the song is changed and the title altered.

For instance, Rome and the Snyders were whistling "Annie's Cove" (Heart and Soul) before it reached the ears of an American publisher who decided to buy it.

His lyric writer called it "Until." But there were so many songs called "Until" that the public all but ignored it.

The American publisher re-exported it to Tin Pan Alley's Maurice Publications, where an Oxford-educated lyric writer dubbed it "To Be Or Not To Be."

Today it bids fair for inclusion in the hit parade.

Now and again a genuine heart-cry hits the juke box public via the Alley. Such a story started in France's big-time boxing rings.

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And "Hymn L'Amour" was born.

It reached Tin Pan Alley and was presented to the English-speaking world as "If You Love Me."

But even a genuine heart-cry has to take its chance in the Alley's busy-busy survival of the fittest. Soon, it will join a thousand other numbers in a publisher's file.

And to those files there is only one way—down the drain.

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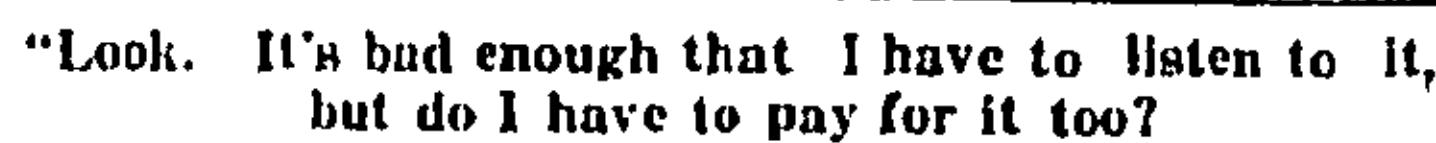
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floor. Next, mop the floor with clear water, pushing the mop back and forth instead of from side to side as before. If the surface needs to be rubbed dry, use a clean cloth and straight strokes.

Since extreme and sudden changes of temperature will break fine glassware, let cold glassware warm to room temperature before washing in hot soapsuds.

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"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Melbourne	Noon 25th Feb.
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ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGTE"	Kobe	5th Mar.
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Ship	From	Arrives	Departs
"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	24th Feb.	24th Feb.
"AGAPENOR"	Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	24th Feb.	24th Feb.
"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Mar.	6th Mar.
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Mar.	14th Mar.
"ATREUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Mar.	24th Mar.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Ship	From	Arrives	Departs
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool	0600 23rd Feb.	Holt's Wharf
"ATREUS"	do	do	20th Feb.
"BELLEROPHON"	do	do	10th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	do	do	15th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	18th Feb.	do	25th Mar.
"ANTIOCHUS"	24th Feb.	do	2nd Apr.
"CYCLOPS"	3rd Mar.	do	7th Apr.
"PERSEUS"	7th Mar.	do	13th Apr.

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Ship	From	Arrives	Departs
"MUNCASTER CASTLE"	Sailed	Sailed	5th Mar.
"TELEMACHUS"	do	do	18th Mar.
"DONA NATI"	do	do	1st Apr.
"MANGALORE"	25th Feb.	18th Mar.	17th Apr.
"ALAX"	11th Mar.	2nd Apr.	2nd May

SAILINGS FOR NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CRISTOBAL and JAPAN

Ship	From	Arrives	Departs
"DONA ALICIA"	4th Mar.	5th Mar.	5th Mar.
"BATAAN"	19th Mar.	20th Mar.	20th Mar.
"MUNCASTER CASTLE"	4th Apr.	5th Apr.	5th Apr.

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HK/Bangkok/Singapore	10.00 a.m. Thursday	11.00 a.m. Friday
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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1954, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and the Balance Sheet as at that date and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Registrar of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 6th day of March, to Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1954, both days inclusive.

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriters on or before 15th March, 1954, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1954.

UK Merchant Fleet Is Meeting Stiff Competition

London, Feb. 22.

British shipowners said today that Britain's merchant fleet was meeting intensified competition from ex-enemy nations, who have made "an impressive re-entry into the sea routes."

The warning was given in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, which said the merchant fleets of Germany had expanded since the war with remarkable speed.

In 1949 competition from ex-enemy maritime countries was only just beginning to be felt. Four years later, German tonnage increased to 1,750,000 tons gross; in the same period Japanese shipping reached 2,250,000 tons gross.

The report declared: "In ship-building the expansion in each country has been equally significant; so too has been the extent which shipbuilders in both countries have received financial aid from their governments."

During the war the Japanese ocean-going fleet was almost entirely destroyed. Japan concentrated after the war on building liners in preference to tramp tonnage.

She had already acquired "an ocean fleet of the former type of ship very nearly equal to her pre-war fleet." Her estimated 1953 output of 625,000 tons made her second only to Britain—Reuter.

Weather Research

Canberra, Feb. 22.

Royal Air Force jet bombers and Hastings transports are to fly to Australia to assist the R.A.F. in research in high-altitude weather conditions. It was announced here today.

The Air Minister, Mr. William McMahon, said the R.A.F. planes would be based in Australia for some time.

The announcement followed last week's official statement that Australia was selecting special teams of scientists to work with the British and Australian services at the Woomera rocket range.—France-Press.

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Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CARTHAGE"	18th March	15th April
"CORFU"	9th April	10th May
"CHUSAN"	2nd May	31st May

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Arrives	From
"TREVETHOE"	17th February	U.K. Continent, Via Straits
"SINGAPORE"	28th February	—

Homewards

Leaving	For
5th March	Cebu, Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Copenhagen

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"WARLA" due 8th Mar. for Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta & Calcutta

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OBRA" due 23rd Feb. for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi direct. For India Gulf Port via Bombay

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"OZARDA" due 12th Mar. for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Madras, Kutch, Kathiawar & Baruch direct. Other Indian Gulf Port via Bombay

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"EASTERN" due 24th Mar. for Japan from Japan

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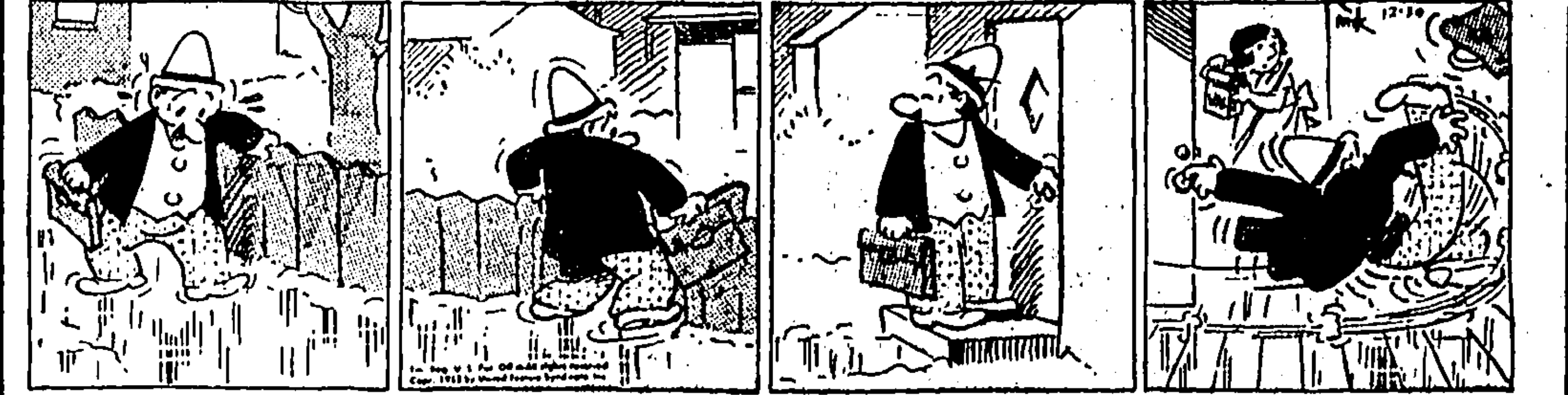
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Japan's Exports Lowest For Three Years

Tokyo, Feb. 22.

Japanese exports dropped to their lowest level for three years in January as the Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced last week, validations of only \$81,445,000 to start off 1954.

This amount was the lowest since January, 1951, when \$80,000,000 was recorded.

Validations for open account nations amounted to \$34,701,000 (41 per cent lower than last December), those for the dollar area \$24,081,000 (41 per cent less) and for the pound area \$22,663,000 (37 per cent less).

The open account areas of Formosa, the Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia and Brazil showed declines of 19 per cent to 61 per cent below December, 1953.

Total validations for the dollar area registered the smallest monthly figure since January, 1952, when \$23,000,000 was tallied.

In the dollar bloc only Turkey provided a plus sign due to increased barter trade of raw cotton against cotton goods.

In the sterling area Australian purchases of "privatized" Irish sheep and other Irish wool and goods during the only three-day period, December 29-31, amounted to \$11.54 per cent above January, 1954.

Cotton goods trade in Hong Kong, India, Burma, and South Africa showed a slight increase in January, 1954.

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"NOREVERETT"

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"REBEVERETT"

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"STAR BETELGEUSE"

In Port Feb. 23
 Sails Feb. 23 for Singapore, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah & Bahrain.

"STAR ARCTURUS"

Arrives Mar. 3 from Singapore.
 Sails Mar. 4 for Okinawa, Inchon, Fusan, Kobe & Yokohama.

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Fred And Frank

It was Saturday night, and in the East End, two men, both in their sixties, decided a drink would do them no harm. There was no collusion between the two. They were strangers to each other and never met, even in the bars they used.

But they shared a common misfortune. Both of them drank too much, got themselves arrested, spent the week-end in the cells, and on the Monday morning pleaded guilty at the Old Street court to the charge of being drunk.

There, the likeness between them ended, and the differences began. For Frank, the elder of the two, had drunk out of devilment and Fred, the other, out of despair.

NEXT THING I KNEW

FRANK was the first to be shown into the dock. A tall, craggy, North Countryman, who grinned like a schoolboy caught out on some minor escapade, as a policeman briefly told Mr. H. F. H. Sturge, the magistrate, of his arrest. "He gave me no trouble," the officer said, "and he is not known."

"Well, what do you want to say?" Mr. Sturge asked Frank. "It's like this, sir," Frank answered. "I don't seem to take the drink so well nowadays as I used to. But I thought, it being Saturday, I'd risk a couple of stouts."

"And the next thing I knew I was drinking with all sorts—Cockneys, Irishmen, Yorkshiremen. I even finished up by drinking with a Jew."

HE sounded as astonished by this last, as if he had come to after his drinking bout, in the Jew's home, instead of in a cell in an East End police station.

"Well, it's unwise to drink, if you find you can't take it," said the magistrate, "but you've been inside two days so we'll say no more about it."

Frank saluted, said thank you, and strode off. Into the dock in his place, crept Fred.

Fred is a crabbled little man, with a ghastly, melancholy face, which on this morning bore cuts and grazes that suggested he might have been fighting lamp-posts or brick walls.

WHEN details of Fred's arrest had been given, Mr. Sturge glanced towards the gaoler. "He's been here before, hasn't he?" he asked.

"Yes, sir. In the last five years, hardly a month's gone by without his coming," the gaoler answered.

The magistrate turned to Fred, whose roving, baleful, lustreless eyes told more of

himself than he knew. For they were the eyes of a man in search of intangibles—happiness, contentment, a quiet spirit—who would never find what he sought, because he looked for them always the wrong way, always the same way, through the bottoms of upturned glasses.

"Last time," said Mr. Sturge to Fred, "you told me you weren't going downhill."

SEND ME TO PRISON

"WHY don't you send me to prison then, for this cure they talk about?" cried Fred, almost savagely, his tone laying the blame for his plight squarely on the shoulders of all society.

"That's what I'm going to do," said Mr. Sturge quietly. "It will be 40s. or 28 days."

"I got cuts on me head and all," Fred muttered. He went out muttering other things to himself. He had no money, so would go to prison for a month. That was easy. He had no faith in himself and no hope for the future.

When they let him out of prison, they could not set him free. He could only continue the same old search—and he seemed to know only one way to seek what he was after.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

By Air

Indo-China, 8 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24

By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 a.m.

By Surface

Japan, 8 p.m.

Formosa, 8 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 25

By Air

India, Ceylon, 8 a.m.

By Surface

Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.

Formosa, 8 p.m.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 p.m.

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Formosa, 8 p.m.

Boy Buried 6 Hours, Then Rescued



A 16-year-old boy, Fred Topliffe, of West Humble, near Dorking, was recently buried up to his head for six hours by a landslide in a Surrey cave. During those hours he refused an anaesthetic so that he could keep on directing his rescuers. Finally under the glare of floodlights, he was lifted from the hole. He suffered only shock. Picture shows floodlit streamers clustering around the pole-hole in which two men were clawing away the last rocks holding Fred Topliffe.—Daily Express photo.

Churchill To Take A Leading Part In Berlin Talks Debate

London, Feb. 23.

Sir Winston Churchill decided at a Cabinet meeting last night that he himself would make one of the leading speeches in this week's House of Commons debate on the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference.

The debate will be opened on Wednesday by Mr Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, who headed the British delegation at Berlin, with the Prime Minister as first speaker on the second day.

In the Prime Minister's private room in Parliament, Mr Eden gave his colleagues a full appraisal of the Berlin meeting.

At the same time Opposition leaders met nearby to seek an end to Labour Party quarrels on the issue of German rearmament, which will figure prominently in the debate.

The dilemma of the Labour leaders is that one influential section of the party thinks the

inclusion of German forces in the proposed European army would help Western security, while another is certain this would spell danger.

Socialists predicted a stormy session tonight, when the full Labour Party in the House of Commons meets privately to decide its attitude for the debate.

Some Socialists are expressing anger at an article written by Mr Herbert Morrison, Deputy Party leader and former Foreign Secretary, in yesterday's issue of the Liberal News Chronicle.

Mr Morrison, one of a powerful group favourable to the inclusion of German forces in the European army, drew attention to the resolution passed by the Labour Party at its annual conference last autumn. This included the passage that there should be no German rearmament before further efforts had been made to secure the peaceful unification of Germany.

Mr Morrison declared: "Well, these efforts have been made. Logically, the declarations not only of the Labour Party but the official declarations of the Labour Government in favour of the principle of a German military contribution to security should now operate."

Critics said Mr Morrison should have kept silent until today's private meeting of the party.

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MAY BECOME AMBASSADOR

Manila, Feb. 23.

The Philippines Minister in London, Mr Jose Romero, was today being considered by the Magway administration as Ambassador to Washington following General Carlos P. Romulo's reported rejection of the Washington assignment.

Mr Romero, a former Congressman, met with Neolopista leaders yesterday and was informed that he was likely to get the Washington post. He just returned last week from London for consultations with the Philippine office.—France-Press.

Man Who Saw Object Being Dumped Into A Well

The witnessing of an alleged dumping of an object "which looked like a human being" into a well in a village just outside the Walled City of Kowloon was told by a hawkier when hearing of the murder trial against Wong See-hoi, 43, unemployed, continued before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The hawkier, Lam Bing-wing, said he had occasion to leave his house for a few minutes sometime after 4 a.m. on October 25 last when he saw a "big-sized person" with an object on his back approach in his direction. Arriving at a well which was in front of his house this person tilted his shoulder and dropped the object into it. He heard a loud splash.

The accused is on trial for the murder of Chin Ah-choi, his alleged mistress.

Appearing for the Prosecution is Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by Div. Det. Insp. F. Indge-Buckingham. Accused is defended by Mr Charles Loseby, QC, on the instructions of Mr M. K. Lam.

The witness (Lam Bing-wing) said that sometime after 4 a.m. on October 25 he had occasion to leave the house for a few minutes. His landlord, Chan Wai-mou, a pork hawkier who usually rose at 4 a.m. had already left the premises.

Whilst standing outside the house he saw some one approaching. He was a "big-sized, fat man" and he was carrying what appeared to be a "person" on his back, witness said.

Arriving at the well, witness continued, the man tilted his shoulder and dropped the object into it. He heard a loud splash. The man then retraced his steps and witness later lost sight of him.

Chinese Recommended For Deportation

Manila, Feb. 23.

One hundred and nine Chinese residents in Manila who were arrested and subsequently convicted of various crimes were recommended yesterday for deportation by the chief of the Manila police detective bureau, Major Enrique V. Morales.

They constituted part of 188 aliens arrested by Major Morales and his men from September 1, 1952 to December 31 last year. Twenty-six of the 188 were cleared of charges while the remaining 53 have pending cases in court.

Major Morales explained that the deportation of the 109 undesirable aliens would be one way of ridding Manila and several places in the country of vice syndicates. The crimes of the Chinese ranged from vagrancy to violation of the gambling and opium laws.

The Supreme Court yesterday turned down the claim for Philippine citizenship of Chinese businessman Tomas B. Llanco, thereby removing the legal roadblock from his deportation as an undesirable alien.

Llanco is now detained in Cebu province in the south pending deportation. He has been tried before the Deportation Board on charges of being a Communist and of smuggling 52 Chinese to the Philippines in 1949. He petitioned to the Supreme Court to stop his deportation claiming to be a Filipino.—France-Press.

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Air Marshal Visiting HK

Air Marshal Sir Clifford Sanderson, KBE, CB, DSC, Commander-in-Chief Far East Air Force, accompanied by his Personal Staff Officer, Squadron Leader J. D. Thirlwell, DSC, arrived in Hongkong this morning in a Royal Air Force Hastings aircraft on a short informal visit.

He was met at Kai Tak Airport by the Air Officer Commanding Hongkong, Air Commodore R. C. Field, and the Station Commander RAF Kai Tak, Group Captain J. F. Nowman, DSO, DSC.

The Commander in Chief will be the guest of Air Commodore and Mrs Field at Air House until Thursday when he departs for Singapore.

What's His Line? Solution: A. Ambulance. B. Ambulance. C. Ambulance. D. Ambulance. E. Ambulance. F. Ambulance. G. Ambulance. H. Ambulance. I. Ambulance. J. Ambulance. K. Ambulance. L. Ambulance. M. Ambulance. N. Ambulance. O. Ambulance. P. Ambulance. Q. Ambulance. R. Ambulance. S. Ambulance. T. Ambulance. U. Ambulance. V. Ambulance. W. Ambulance. X. Ambulance. Y. Ambulance. Z. Ambulance.

Defence Counsel's Offer

An offer was made by Mr Alfred Y. Hon, Defence Counsel in a case at Central this morning, to personally undertake full restitution on behalf of his client who was charged with uttering a forged receipt with intent to defraud.

The defendant, Young Shuk-kei, alias Paul Shu-Chiang, 32-year-old cinema employee, of 11 Diamond Hill, pleaded guilty to uttering a forged receipt purporting to be that of Mr P. S. Chung, Manager of the Pathe Overseas Ltd, with intent to defraud, sometime between June 15 and June 23 last year. He was cautioned and bound over to the sum of \$500 for two years.

Det. Sub-Ins. J. H. Grive, prosecuting, told the Court that in May last year the defendant visited the manager of the Pathe Overseas Ltd, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, and arranged for the showing of a film, "Atoll K" at the Ming Yuen Theatre, Apichau. The terms of the agreement were that the company was to receive 35 per cent of the total receipts at the theatre, and the defendant was to receive five per cent as his commission.

ONE-DAY SHOWING

The film was shown for one day, and the total receipts came to \$117.11, continued Insp. Grive. The manager of the Ming Yuen Theatre gave the defendant \$133.84, which the accused said was the charge for the hiring of the film.

The defendant then produced a receipt, said Insp. Grive, which had been forged by him for that occasion and which he tendered to the manager of the Ming Yuen Theatre.

In mitigation, Mr Hon said that the defendant came from a very well-to-do family, but had lost everything he possessed in the Pacific War. It was only as a last resort, when efforts to raise money for his wife who was about to give birth and needed medical attention failed, that the defendant foolishly committed the offence.

Mr Hon then undertook to send a cheque for the amount which the defendant had taken out of his own account, and asked the Court to take a lenient view of the case.

Legacy May Aid H.K. College

New York, Feb. 22.

A legacy of \$350,000 left by the late Mrs. Anne McCracken Blaine to the Yenching University in Peking, now in Communist hands, may be used for a certain college in Hongkong.

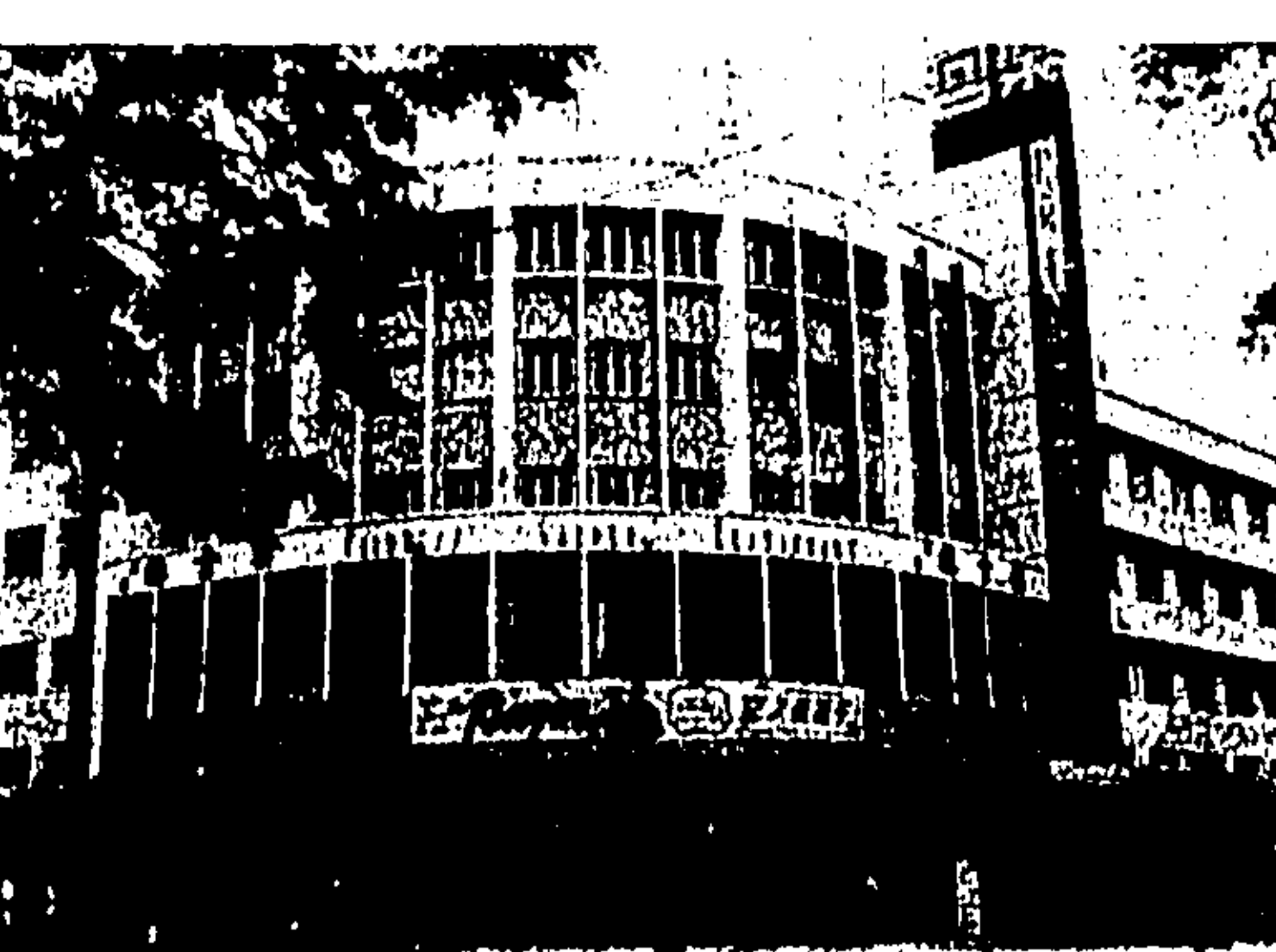
As the United States Government does not recognize the Peking Government, the Co-ordinating Council of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, which nominally represented the Yenching University, a former Protestant foundation, planned to ask for permission to use the legacy for a college in Hongkong which it supports, and for a new college in Formosa which it plans to open.

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"That must be a real shock, poor fellow," said the man, looking out of the window.